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CACKLE KEEPS UP

MANY VISITORS AT THE POULTRY SHOW THIS AFTERNOON

THIS IS THE LAST DAY

Secretary Sayler Is Advised That Ralph Mason, Government Expert, Will Not be Able to be Here

To the uninitiated all chickens look pretty much alike except as to color, but to the eye of the expert there is all the difference in the world. The friendly rivalry of poultry fanciers and raisers i sseen at the poultry show being held in the Martin building this week where several hundred "blue-blooded" fowls are competing for honors in various classes.

In view of the food and meat situation due to the war the chicken is coming in for more attention than is usually given, for our barnyard friends are going to prove of material aid in helping to win. The various breeds and varieties have their champions and lively discussions are heard about the pens as to the relative merits of certain breeds.

Some are believed best for laying purposes, while others are preferred for table use, and they are being brought to a high degree of perfection, even as live stock, and the annual shows of the different poultry associations are looked forward to by poultry raisers and breeders as are the exhibitions of fine Shorthorns, Poland-Chinas and Percherons by stockmen.

There has been a constant throng of visitors to admire the birds being shown by members of the Northwest Missouri association and the show will continue until this evening. Secretary J. H. Sayler received this morning a message from Ralph Maston, government poultry expert, saying that he would be unable to be here as announced, being confined to his room with tonsilitis, but would arrange for another date to visit Maryville and meet the poultry raisers of this section.

Officers of the local association say the event this year has been one of the most successful ever held here.

8 FILE ACRE-YIELD REPORTS

Supt. Bert Cooper Urges All Boys Who Are Interested to File Report Papers Before January 1

Eight boys have already filed their reports with county superintendent, Bert Cooper, in the acre yield corn contest, for which prize awards will be made. There are others yet to report and Superintendent Cooper urges that they file their papers at once as the time limit, December 31, is near and no papers will be considered after January 1.

The boys who have reported are: Dean Goslee and Hollis Hays, of Skidmore, Willie Oakerson and Raymond Oakerson of Maryville; Arthur Hartman, Chas. Baker, Chas. Hartman, and Edgar Jackson of Barnard.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads

HE'S ON HIS WAY TO FRANCE

Leo Knox Writes En Route From Camp Funston — Pullmans Are Scarce for Army Transport

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Knox received a letter this morning from their son, Leo, who was moved from Camp Funston, December 14. Young Knox is on his way to France and the following letter was written in St. Louis:

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 19, 1917.

Dear Father and Mother:

Reached here O. K. and in a chair car. The officers are sure trying to get pullman cars, but don't think they can. I am feeling fine.

Well Mother, this is the first Christmas I have ever been away from home, and I am afraid old Santa Claus won't know where to find me. Have him leave my presents at 922 East Fourth street, for I surely have some friends who will not forget me now. You can send them to me when I get located.

I will write again tomorrow.

Your son,

LEO B. KNOX.

A Merry Christmas to all.

DRYS TURNED DOWN

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION MAY BE REFUSED

ALLIANCE MUST WAIT

Governor Gardner Says the Special Session Will be Called to Consider Tax Matters Only

Jefferson City, Dec. 22.—Governor Gardner will turn down the request of the Citizens' Dry Alliance, a combination of the dry forces of the state, for a vote on the prohibition question at the special session of the legislature in May.

When told that the dry alliance is planning to file with the governor a request that the legislature be asked to vote on the ratification of the nation-wide dry measure passed last week by congress, Governor Gardner said that the special session would be called "for tax matters only," and that no other matters would be included in the call.

The dry alliance, which has under way plans for the Missouri vote on state-wide prohibition in November, 1918, as authorized by the last legislature, is seeking to dispose of the prohibition matter at the special session, according to John M. Atkinson, chairman of the alliance.

Toels Visiting Here.

Mr. and Mrs. Court Toel of Little Rock, Ark., are visiting in Maryville with Mr. Toel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Toel. Mr. and Mrs. Toel will also visit in Savannah with Mrs. Toel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Limerick.

Miss Maud McMillan will return tomorrow morning from Milwaukee, Wis., to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McMillan.

Mrs. Anna Stauble left Thursday for Okarchie, Okla., where she will visit until spring with relatives.

A UNIVERSITY JOB

DR. E. L. HARRINGTON OF NORMAL GOES TO CHICAGO

AID IN RESEARCH WORK

Secures Release from President Richardson and Will Take Up New Duties on January 2

Dr. E. L. Harrington, head of the department of physics and chemistry at the Normal, has been called to the University of Chicago to assist in the physics and research departments of that institution. Following a telegram received last night urging his acceptance of the position, he secured President Richardson's permission and will report for work at the beginning of the winter quarter on January 2.

During the Thanksgiving holidays Prof. Harrington attended a meeting at Chicago of the American Physical Society, of which he is a member, and it was there that he learned of the great service being rendered by the scientists of the various universities over the country. Many of the universities have sent a portion of their physics faculty to Washington for service, and in many cases the war department has sent specific problems to the university laboratories for study in order to make use of the research facilities already possessed by the universities. The University of Chicago offers a splendid illustration of this since it has given up for the period of the war Prof. Millikan, who is the head of the National Council of Research, Gale, Wilkins, Watson, Souder and a number of students who have gone into various branches of service. In addition, the remaining men are devoting much of their time to local study of war problems.

Such situations exist in so many schools that there has grown to be an acute shortage of men in physics and some of the other branches. The explanation of the situation is contained in a statement which Professor, or now, Major Millikan, president of the American Physical Society, made at the meeting. He said that the present war is 85% a war of science. Just before reaching the meeting he had received a cablegram from General Pershnig calling for eleven hundred men of adequate preparation in physics and mathematics.

Considered It Patriotic Duty.

Since Thanksgiving Mr. Harrington has received a number of communications asking him to take up research work in the commercial field, and also work in connection with the

DR. E. L. HARRINGTON.

Bureau of Standards at Washington, in addition to the work at Chicago. it was not until this week, however, when he received more urgent requests from Major Millikan and from the university men at Chicago, that he finally decided to take up the work there.

In his letter Major Millikan said: "Personally I would like to have you here in the war work, but the need at the University of Chicago is so imperative I most strongly urge you to accept the work. The work there will be just as much war work as the actual making of a gun or ammunition." Mr. Harrington considered it a patriotic duty as well as a personal opportunity to take up this work. His actula work will be divided between teaching and research work.

Just how long he wil lbe away is as uncertain as the war itself. For the present Mrs. Harrington and family will remain in Maryville, although they may rent their home furnished and both go.

TWO TIED FOR CLASS HONORS

Erma Greene and Garland Miller Contest for Valedictorian of High School Graduating Class

The contest for valedictory honors of the January graduating class of the Maryville high school is proving to be the most interesting in the history of the school. According to an announcement made by Supt. J. M. McDonald yesterday afternoon, two members of the class, Miss Erma Greene and Garland Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, 321 South Dewey St., are leading the field. The two young people for the entire four years of their high school work up to yesterday, each have made an average of 89.5%.

With only two more weeks of school to decide the contest, no one can do more than hazard a guess as to the outcome. If the grades of the two contestants remain as they now are for the next two weeks, both will take part in the commencement exercises. Miller is president of the class and Miss Greene is vice-president.

AT RURAL SCHOOLS

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS AT ELM GROVE AND UNION YESTERDAY

CHILDREN MEET SANTA

Surprised Pupils at Elm Grove and Made Them Demonstrate Their Right to Receive Presents

Santa Claus was a reality with the children out at Elm Grove school yesterday afternoon when a fur-clothed, smiling, bewhiskered old fellow knocked at the door. He squeezed through the doorway with his pack and soon had the youngsters lined up in front of him doing sums in multiplication and other stunts to prove their right for a gift from his sack. Each one got a treat of candy, oranges and trinkets.

The occasion for the visit of old Kris was the annual Christmas exercises by the children. They included songs and recitations appropriate to the occasion and were hugely enjoyed by patrons of the school district and friends of the school. Miss Maude Whitehead, teacher, directed the program and introduced Santa Claus to the children.

At Union school the Christmas program was given last night with a large attendance of school patrons who occupied all the available spare space in the building. An unusually interesting program was given by the children in which Christmas poems, readings and songs followed each other in rapid succession. Miss Mabel Anderson, teacher, was incharge of the program. Superintendent Bert Cooper made a brief talk at the close of the exercises and congratulated the children on their work.

ORCHESTRA CONCERT SUNDAY

Stringed Instruments Will be Substituted for Tomorrow's Program —Two Special Numbers

Acceding to numerous requests, Prof. Maulding, director of the Maryville band, offers an orchestra concert at the Empire Theatre tomorrow afternoon, when stringed instruments will replace the brass. Special numbers of the program include a brass quartette and a vocal solo by Miss Helen Zenor, teacher of music at the Normal.

Members of the band hope to see an increased attendance at the Sunday afternoon concerts in appreciation of their efforts to provide a program of good music. Subscribers to the band fund may secure tickets by applying to Secretary Claypool of the Commercial Club.

The program tomorrow is as follows

March, "2d Regiment (Mackie-Beyer).

Overture, "Eldorado" (Bowman).

Medley One Step, "Rose of Honolulu," (Schulz).

Brass Quartette, "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming" (Lake).

March — "Naughty! Naughty! Naughty!" (Briegel).

Overture, "Bridal Rose" (Lavalle).

Vocal Solo, "Prince of Peace" (Hauscon). By Miss Helen Zenor, teacher of music at the Normal.

One Step March, "Circus Day in Dixie" (Danmark).

"Star Spangled Banner" (Key).

Henry Heitman and family of near Bedison were in Maryville Friday.

WILL NODAWAY FAIL

QUOTA FOR RED CROSS GOAL IS NOT YET IN SIGHT

WOMEN AT WORK TODAY

Committees Are at Work in Downtown Stores Among Shoppers—Parade of Members and Boy Scouts

There are just two days more in which to get Nodaway county's quota of 6,000 new members for the Red Cross. The Christmas membership drive has been going on for six days and the workers report the goal will not be reached without a special effort. In the hurry and bustle of holiday shopping the people are not responding as they should and it will take extraordinary efforts to get Nodaway county "over the top."

This afternoon the women did effective work among the shoppers in the stores and many will remain on duty throughout the afternoon and evening. As an added feature the Boy Scouts, with drum and bugle corps, paraded the streets this afternoon, calling the attention of pedestrians and shoppers to the Christmas membership drive and the urgent need of the Red Cross for funds with which to carry on the work of mercy among the sick and wounded on the battlefields of Europe.

It is urged that every person in Nodaway county become a member of the Red Cross, for besides taking care of the injured, sick and starving people in all countries, a part of the money remains right here at home for our own personal use in case of emergency. A certain per cent of all subscriptions received is at the immediate disposal of the Nodaway county chapter for such use as may be needed.

Some Incidents Reported.

The committees soliciting during this drive report some pathetic, some amusing, some dramatic, some otherwise, incidents, encountered during the canvas. One solicitor reports that in his rounds he passed a house in the window of which was a Red Cross flag showing that a subscriber and member resided there. He was about to pass it up when a woman called to him and asked for a membership.

"I saw your flag," said the solicitor, "and did not think it worth while to bother you." "But I want another," said she, "one for the other window," and she got it.

A member of another committee told of calling at a house. As he approached the door he saw the face of a woman peering out from the edge of the window curtain, but ringing the door bell, knocking on the door, both front and rear, brought no response.

Five times one solicitor called at a certain house, but failed to get a response, though it was evident there were inmates. At other places the solicitor found the people temporarily away from the house and in many instances of this kind the solicitor had to make several return calls before finding anyone at home, but secured the name and membership finally.

CHRISTMAS MAIL DELIVERY

A Delivery in Residence Section Will Be Made Sunday — Christmas Day Hours at Postoffice

The city carriers will make one complete delivery tomorrow (Sunday) in the residence section so as to avoid a congestion of mail on Christmas. The carrier in the business section will not make the delivery, as too many of the stores do not open up and such delivery would not be justified.

On Christmas day, all of the city carriers will make one complete delivery. The rural carriers will also make their trip that day. The general delivery window will be open from 9:30 to 10:30 a. m.

Every effort is being made to get out the parcel post packages and on Christmas day, every parcel will be delivered by noon that day.

Robert Bramble Improved.

In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bramble, Robert Bramble, who is stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., and who is ill of diptheria in a hospital, says he is much improved.

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WINTER ARRIVED ON TIME

It Has Been Fall Up Until This Morning—Christmas Shoppers Throng Stores Today

Maybe you have been under the impression that winter was here. Wrong. Winter arrived officially this morning at 3:46 o'clock. The chill mortal wh ogot out all of his clothes for the recent cold snap—that wasn't winter at all. That was fall.

Yesterday was the shortest day of the year—for everybody but Willie—"they can't fool me. These are the longest days I ever saw."

For Christmas shoppers they are all too short. There is hurry and bustle in every store today and crowds are hunting for suitable presents.

"Just say," said one man who dropped into the Democdat-Forum office this afternoon, "everybody is here; you needn't name 'em." The merchants, hardly without exception, are pleased with the holiday trade and report an unusually large volume of business.

DIED ON WAY TO FESTIVAL

Mrs. Wes Mobley Was Going to Christmas Entertainment When Sudden Heart Attack Proved Fatal

Mrs. Wes Mobley died suddenly about seven o'clock last night of heart trouble. Mrs. Mobley and her husband and granddaughter, Miss Marguerite Babb, together with William Neidel, were on their way to the Union school house to attend a Christmas program. They had stopped at the Neidel home for Mrs. Dave Neidel to join them, when Mrs. Mobley complained of being ill. She was helped from the car, but died before they could get her to the house.

Mrs. Mobley was 56 years old. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, and several grandchildren. The two daughters, who live in Kansas, will arrive in Maryville tonight.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the New Hope church, five miles east of Hopkins, the pastor of the Hopkins Christian church officiating. Burial will be in the New Hope cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Mobley have lived near Hopkins for a number of years, but near Maryville only since October.

WAS COVERED BY INSURANCE

Fire at E. M. Dragoo Home Yesterday Did Damage Amounting to About $1,000

Fire which is supposed to have originated from sparks from the kitchen stove did damage estimated at over $1,000 at the home of E. M. Dragoo yesterday morning about 10:30. The fire did considerable damage before the fire department arrived, but practically all of the furniture was saved from damage by either fire or water. The damage was entirely covered by insurance.

Mr. Dragoo will make his home in the Kuchs property, 119 West Fourth street until his home is repaired.

To Spend Christmas With Parents

Mrs. W. J. Innis and two children, Virginia and Donald, and Mrs. Inis' sister, Miss Katie Lee Allan of Nevada, Mo., and another sister, Mrs. H. K. Farrell of Faucett, Mo., arrived in Maryville last night to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Allan.

Frank Woods of Seward, Nebr., arrived in Maryville today to visit with William Falls.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

CIVIL WAR GROWS

HEAVY FIGHTING IN PETROGRAD STREETS IS REPORTED

ALL IS IN CONFUSION

Bolsheviki Peace Terms Call for the Evacuation of All Territory Now Occupied by German Armies

Copenhagen, Dec. 22. — Russia's civil war has extended to Petrograd and heavy fighting is reported to be raging in the streets there today. Eight thousand troops have been ordered to move against the anti-Bolsheviki forces, but mutinied and refused to leave. A military dispatch from Petrograd said the Bolsheviki soldiers were sent against them and bloody fighting broke out and houses were barricaded and machine guns were used to sweep the streets.

London, Dec. 22.—The opinion was expressed here in circles close to the govrenment that officials held out no ground for hope that peace negotiations between Germany and the Bolsheviki government have definitely collapsed. The situation is one of the utmost confusion.

Stockholm, Dec. 22.—Peace terms of the Bolsheviki government at Petrograd call for the evacuation of all Russian territory the Germans now occupy, according to the Haparanda report. It is furthermore learned that the Bolsheviki are said to have insisted that the Poles be allowed to work out their own problems of self-government without outside interference.

SUNG AS THEY FOUGHT ENEMY

Italians Gained Most of the Ground Lost to the Germans Earlier in the Week

Rome, Dec. 22.—A powerful counter offensive has been launched by the Italians between the Piave and Brenta rivers, and in a series of attacks around Monteazclone, the Austro-Germans were driven from nearly all of the ground they had captured earlier in the week. Dispatches from the Italian headquarters at Vernon dwelt on the violnece of the Italian assault and the bravery of the troops in the face of savage artillery and machine gun fire. The Italians swept up the mountain slopes, singing as they charged the enemy.

London, Dec. 22. — Three German raids were attempted last night aginst the British, but all were repulsed.

Miss Grace Fisher, who teaches near Guilford, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Fisher of Maryville.

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EVERY WASTE A BOOST FOR KAISER

From the Garbage Cans in Largest Cities Last August 19,300 Tons of Food Was Thrown Away

Are the American women going to continue to help the kaiser, or will they help his opponents?

This is the question thoughtful people are anxiously asking, says the food administration, and well they may, for on the side that the American women throw their energies, on that side will the scales in all probability tip toward victory.

"But," you exclaim, "of course the American women will help the Allies. It is preposterous to think they would send husbands, sons and brothers to fight aginst the Germans and then they, themselves, turn around and help the enemy."

Yes, we admit, this does sound preposterous. Nevertheless, it is the grim truth. The American women ARE HELPING the Germans very materially. Last August, for instance, about twenty-one million of our supposedly good American women—the very women who are sending their loved ones bravely out to face the German guns, submarined and sank four cargoes of food needed by France.

What! You don't believe us!

Listen, then, to the facts.

The approximate total garbage collection last August from twenty-one million people living in our largest cities was 193,357 tons. Now, of course, part of this garbage was legitimate waste. But, say one-tenth (and food experts tell us this is a very conservative estimate) was good food thrown away.

This means that American food handlers, and chiefly American housewives, threw away 19,333 tons approximately of good food, or about four shiploads. In other words, last August they submarined and sank four shiploads of food. For what do Germans care whethe rthe food goes into the garbage cans or is sunk at the bottom of the ocean so long as it does not help feed our own soldiers in France and those fighting alongside them?

So, if we continue to throw away good food at this rate we might as well admit we are helping to boost the "Kaiser uber Alles."

Shall we continue to do that?

The world is waiting for our answer.

The Russian Revolt Gains.

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—Instead of collapsing as the Bolsheviki has claimed, the counter revolution in Southern Russia is apparently gaining strength. Information is received here today that part of the Roumanian army has joined the Okaranes, who are fighting the Bolsheviki. The Roumanian army is said to have gone over to the anti-Bolsheviki forces as a protest against the peace plotting of the Bolsheviki government.

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30c and 60c jars; hospital size $2.50

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At Any Drug Store

MARK TWAIN LOVED TO TALK

Noted Author Asserted He Also Profited From Instruction and Moral Upheaval—Would Not Charge.

Gen. Fred Grant once invited Mark Twain to deliver a lecture for the benefit of the Robert Fulton Monument association for a fee of $1,000. Twain agreed to lecture, comments a writer, but declined the fee. Grant thanked him in the name of the association, but urged him to take part of the sum, asking why he should work wholly without compensation. Twain wrote in reply:

"Dear General—Because I stopped talking for pay a good many years ago, I could not resume the habit now without a great deal of personal discomfort. I love to hear myself talk, because I get so much instruction and moral upheaval out of it, but I lose the bulk of this joy when I charge for it. Let the terms stand."

Later he wrote to Grant:

"What shall I talk about? My idea is this: To instruct the audience about Robert Fulton, and . . . Tell me—was that his real name, or was it his nom de plume? However, never mind; it is not important—I can skip it, and the house will think I knew all about it, but forgot. Could you find out for me if he was one of the signers of the Declaration, and which one? But if it is any trouble, let it alone; I can skip it. Was he out with Paul Jones? Will you ask Horace Porter? And ask him if he brought both of them home. These will be very interesting facts, if they can be established. But never mind; don't trouble Porter; I can establish them anyway. The way I look at it, they are historical gems—gems of the very first water."

VILLAGES ERECTED ON PILES

Ancient Settlement Discovered in Lake Constance Contained 50,000 Tree Trunks for Its Foundation.

The most interesting of the earlier habitations of man are the curious lake dwellings of the age of bronze, notes a correspondent. These were usually built on piles sunk into the bottom of a lake, some distance from the shore. Large trees were felled, the trunks of which were sharpened on one end and driven into the mud by mallets used in the hands of the builders, who worked from a raft.

On these piles was built a platform, sometimes of great extent. One of the lake villages discovered in Lake Constance contained 50,000 piles. It formed a parallelogram 15,000 feet long and 400 broad, and probably accommodated a settlement of several hundred inhabitants.

After the platform had been put down, the boards being fastened on with pegs, and the whole strongly knit together with clay, the builders proceeded to put up their huts, which were circular or rectangular in shape. They were made of wattle work, coated on both sides with clay, and were generally furnished with a hearthstone and a hand-mill for crushing grain.

The village was connected with the shore by a long, narrow causeway, intersected by drawbridges.

Strange Adoptions by Cats.

The cases in which cats and dogs have formed close friendly relations are, of course, too numerous to mention. It really seems as if there were no animal friendship so strong and lasting as that between cats and dogs when once it is formed. It is well known that mother cats when deprived of their new-born progeny will adopt puppies, rabbits, monkeys or almost any other tender young creature that may be handy. But there has recently come to light a case for which there is no such apparent explanation.

A cat and a female fox terrier, which had brought into the world their progeny at about the same time, deliberately swapped their young, the cat taking the puppies to rear and the dog the kittens. The exchange was satisfactory, and both litters were brought in good health to the weanable stage. Nobody knows what led to such abnormal conduct.

Our Other Selves.

The old Hebrew sage declared, "Wisdom cometh from the opportunity of leisure." It does not mean that a wise man must belong to what we call the leisure class. It means that if one has only a little free time at his disposal, he must use that time for the refreshment of his hidden selves. If he cannot have a Sabbath rest of 24 hours, he must learn to sanctify little Sabbaths, it may be of ten minutes' length. In them he shall do no manner of work. It is not enough that the self that works and receives wages shall be recognized and protected; the world must be made safe for our other selves. Does not the Declaration of Independence say that every man has an inalienable right to the pursuit of happiness?—S. M. Crothers, in the Atlantic.

Give Cheerfulness a Chance.

Cheerfulness is a much rarer quality than is generally supposed, especially among the rich. It was not common even before we learned that, in spite of Browning, though God may be in his heaven nevertheless all is wrong in the world.

If "most men lead lives of quiet desperation," as Thoreau says they do, it is, I suspect, because they will not allow cheerfulness to break in upon them when it will. A good disposition is worth a fortune. Give cheerfulness a chance, says the Atlantic Monthly, and let the professed philosopher go hang.

FIRST ELECTION IN 1789

George Washington of Virginia, Receiving Sixty-Nine Votes From Ten States, Chosen President.

The first election for president of the United States occurred in the states which ratified the Constitution on the first Wednesday of January, the 7th, 1789. Only ten of the thirteen states voted in that election, New York, Rhode Island and North Carolina not voting. In five of the states, viz., Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, New Jersey and South Carolina, the people did not vote, the presidential electors being chosen by the state legislatures.

At that time the Constitution required the presidential electors to vote for two persons, the one receiving the majority to be president and the one receiving the next greatest number to be vice president. There had been no conventions held, no nominations made and no platforms adopted. The presidential electors were left without instructions, to vote as they pleased or according to their own discretion.

The ten states which constituted the first electoral college had 73 votes, viz., Connecticut, 7; Delaware, 3; Georgia, 5; Maryland, 8; Massachusetts, 10; New Hampshire, 5; New Jersey, 6; Pennsylvania, 10; South Carolina, 7; Virginia, 12. On the first ballot, each of the 73 electors voting for two persons, the vote resulted:

For George Washington of Virginia, 69; John Adams of Massachusetts, 34; John Jay of New York, 9; Robert H. Harrison of Maryland, 6; John Rutledge of South Carolina, 6; John Hancock of Massachusetts, 4; George Clinton of New York, 3; Samuel Huntington of Connecticut, 2; John Milton of Georgia, 2; James Armstrong of Georgia, 1; Benjamin Lincoln of Massachusetts, 1; Edward Telfair of Georgia, 1. This ballot made Washington president and John Adams, the next highest, vice president.

RARE POSIES IN THE ARCTIC

Rich Blossoms Nature's Compensation for Long Winter During Which There Is No Sunshine.

In the brief, bright, nightless summer the Arctic is a paradise of flowers. It would seem to be a compensation of Dame Nature for the long winter, during which the sun never shows his jolly face once, observes a correspondent.

A great many of these plants have of late years become familiar to garden lovers because they are much used in rock gardens, and every flower lover knows their delicacy of structure, their brightness of color and their hardihood.

But nothing can beat their original environment. These patches of yellow and blue and rose and purple, cheek by jowl with great beds of snow or some stranded and long unmelted berg, look lovely. It is the setting they were made for.

Strangely enough, when brought south and coaxed to grow in our gardens, these Arctic and Alpine plants lose both a part of their great vitality and their lovely tint. They pine for the Arctic like the Eskimo does.

Nansen tells of delicate bluebells nodding in the breeze, saxifrages with large blossoms, pale yellow mountain poppies, white cloudberry flowers, and blue forget-me-nots in countless millions in the neighborhood of the north pole. So it is not all desolation and death. A flower seed is one of the most difficult things in nature to kill. Give it half a chance and it will show up smiling, and do its "bit" in making the world a brighter place to live in.

The Tuna Angler.

Southern California, and Santa Catalina island in particular, has produced two game fishes pre-eminent in the annals of the world's sport, says the American Angler. One is the leaping tuna; the other the swordfish. The tuna is game for the well-conditioned athlete. The man who takes a large one with the rod must be an athlete. He must be ready for a continuous round of from one to four hours, keyed up to the highest excitement, as if he gives in and tries to rest the tuna rests twice as fast.

To obtain the full enjoyment of tuna angling the rod should be of 16 ounces, the line No. 21 and the fish should not weigh more than 200 pounds.

Curing Elephant's Cold.

A circus man, caught in the act of curing an elephant of a cold, was dared to take his own medicine. He declined, but invited the interviewer to return the next day and see the elephant cured. And the next day, sure enough, the elephant was rid of the cold. What was the treatment? Nothing complicated at all. The keeper placed a bucket of boiling hot vinegar in a bag and then tied the latter snugly about the indisposed animal's trunk so that he was compelled to inhale the beneficial fumes whether he wished to or not.

Children and Fairies.

To the children fairies stand for all the wonderful and unpredictable possibilities of life, for all the magic of it, its charm of unexpectedness, says the Atlantic Monthly. A child is a bit puzzled by the inevitable; in the fairy world it does not exist. In that world he slips away from the world of grown-ups, with its endless consequences remorselessly hounding the gay, irresponsible little child doings. He loves the grownups and it is not from them that he wishes to escape, but from their world, their difficult, unyielding world.

The Spirit of Christmas

To every resident of Maryville and vicinity the officers of First National Bank and Gillam-Jackson Loan and Trust Company extend best wishes for the Christmas Season, for the year 1917 and many prosperous years to come.

And not at this season alone, but throughout the year, we maintain that cheerful, helpful spirit of service so characteristic of Christmas.

Old friendships we value and maintain — new friendships invited and encouraged.

The First National Bank
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MARYVILLE, MISSOURI

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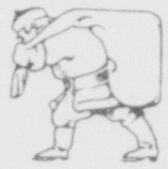
Letters to Santa Claus



Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little girl nine years old. I go to the Herron school. Please bring me a doll, nuts and candy. Your little friend,

MARY CARMICHAEL.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am writing a letter to let you know what I want for Christmas. I want a doll, a book and nuts and candy. I thought you emptied your whole sack at my home last year. Please don't do it this Christmas; save some for the other little girls and boys. Yours truly,

MARGARET KOMER.

Age 8 years.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—I thought that I would write a few lines to you. I want a sled, slate and pencil and a tablet with ten hundred pages, and not much candy and nuts. Don't forget the children in France.

Your little friend,

EDWIN MANLEY.

Age 7.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—I want a doll, candy, ball ring, and that is all. Be sure to remember the little starving children in France and Belgium.

BEULAH SAWYERS.

Age 6.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Old Santa Claus.—I want a handkerchief, a ball, a story book, a reading book and a toy, nuts and candy.

ALVENA APPLEBY.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a doll and nuts and candy. Be sure and don't forget the United States soldiers. Goodbye, Santa.

ALYENE CARMICHAEL.

Burlington Junction, Mo.

Dear Santa:—I am a little girl six years old. My name is Mildred. I do not kno whow to write so I am having my sister write for me. She is ten years old. I want you to bring me this Christmas the things I will write down. A doll, a tricycle, a set of dishes, a ring, a locket, some candy and nuts. I live two miles and a half scutheast of Elmo, Mo. I hope you won't forget to bring me these things.

MILDRED ADKINS.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa:—I thought I would write and tell you what I want for Christmas. Please bring me a drum, horn, slate, slate pencil and a little farm wagon. Don't forget the candy and nuts. Don't forget the French orphans.

WALTER TAYLOR.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa:—I want you to bring me an automobile and a drum.

LEIR HARRY CROSSAN.

Barnard, Mo.

Dear Santa:—I am a little girl 9 years old, and I want you to bring me a sweater—a dark red or navy blue—with a cap and a scarf to match, and candy and nuts, and oblige

Your little friend,

GRACE REARDON.

Ketchum, Okla.

Dear Old Santa:—We moved to Oklahoma from near Maryville almost two years ago. We are twin sisters, and you were so kind to us last Christmas we would like our presents just alike again, except the games. Please bring them different. We would like some good books, a box of chocolates and a set of furs. Please come down the fireplace in the dining room as there will be a fire in the other one. We are your little friends,

MABEL and GERTRUDE COLLINS.

Ravenwood, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little girl five years old and hope you will not forget me. I want you to bring me a doll, a doll bed and a Tam O'Shanter. Also remember all good boys and girls. Your friend,

GWENDOLYN RILEY.

Burlington Junction, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little girl six years old. I want a set of yello wfurs, a doll, a book, and candy and nuts. I have a little sister four years old. She wants the same. Please don't forget our little brother. Don't forget the little children without any papa and mama. Your little friend,

ROBERTA KINGERY.

Barnard, Mo.

My Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little girl six years old. I am dropping you a few lines to tell you what I want you to bring me for Christmas. I want a baby doll that will say "mamma," if you have one, and some little dishes, some games, and candy, oranges and bananas. Come down the north chimney because it has no fire in it. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. Yours truly,

OMA ALKIRE.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a gun that will shoot a cork, a rubber ball and some candy and nuts. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. Bring my little sister, Lora Louise, a doll that will go to sleep and a set of dishes; and my baby brother a soft rubber ball and some blocks.

Your little friend,

IVAN L. BREWER.

Catarrhal Cough

Mr. W. S. Brown, R. F. D. No. 4, Box 82, Rogersville, Tennessee, writes:

"I feel it my duty to recommend Peruna to all sufferers of catarrh or cough. In the year 1909, I took a severe case of the la grippe. I then took a bad cough. I had taken all kinds of cough remedies but got no relief. I then decided to try Peruna. I used five bottles. After taking five bottles my cough stopped and my catarrh was cured. My average weight was 115 and now I weigh 148½. Any one suffering with catarrh in any form I will advise them to take Peruna."

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Those who object to liquid medicines can procure Peruna Tablets.

ANNA CASE

As a family gift what can surpass

The New Edison?

"The Phonograph with a Soul."

Suppose there are five members of your immediate family. That means twenty-five small gifts for Christmas. Why not eliminate these and pool your funds for the purchase of this wonderful instrument which actually Re-Creates Music?

The time is short indeed for you to decide upon the family gift. Let us put an Edison in your home at a very reasonable cost.

You can hear the great artists right in your home. Think of the joy of a daily concert, for instance, by Anna Case, the "miracle" soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company. We invite you to hear her sing "The Star Spangled Banner."

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North Side Square.
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Ask for a Demonstration

Christmas Sweets.

Boys and girls, listen!

Do you know you are to have your best chance for war service this month? Everybody — children and grownups—likes candy. This is the month everybody eats candy, and many people make it in their homes.

But this year everything is different. We are at war. We shall celebrate Christmas, but in a different way. We shall want sweets for Christmas, but they must be a different kind of sweets. We must save our sugar to send abroad to the people who have only what we give them.

Take the candy boxes you expect to fill for your friends and put into them the "sweets" made according to these recipes, and as you fill them, say: "This is my Christmas gift to the children in Belgium and France."

Chocolate Dainties.

Put through the meat chopper one-half cup each of dates, figs and nut meats. Add one tablespoon orange juice, a little grated orange peel and one square of melted, unsweetened chocolate. Mould into balls and roll in chopped nuts or granulated sugar. This mixture may be packed in an oiled tin, put under a weight until firm, then cut in any shape desired.

Old-Fashioned Molasses Candy.

Two cupfuls (1 pint) molasses, 1 tablespoonful vinegar, 2 tablespoonfuls (1 ounce) butter substitute, ½ level teaspoonful baking powder, 1 teaspoonful vanilla or ginger extract.

Put molasses, vinegar and butter into a sauce pan. Bring to a boiling point, and boil, stirring all the time until the mixture is brittle when dropped into cold water. Stir in baking powder and pour into a buttered tin. When nearly cold pull until glossy. Cut into small pieces and lay on a buttered plate or wrap in waxed paper. Sufficient for one pound of candy.

Popcorn Candy.

One cup syrup, 1 tablespoonful of vinegar, 2 or 3 quarts popped corn.

Boil together the syrup and vinegar until syrup hardens when dropped in cold water. Pour over freshly popped corn and mould into balls or fancy shapes for the Christmas tree. Little popcorn men will please the children. Mark in the features and outlines with melted chocolate.

Either honey, maple syrup, molasses, white cane syrup or corn syrup may be used.

Crystallized Fruits.

Use your own preserves. Peach, pear, apple, quince or watermelon rind will do. Drain from the fruit all syrup possible. Cut any size desirable, sprinkle with sugar and dry in the warmer or very slow oven. It may be necessary to sprinkle the fruit again with sugar during the drying. When dry enough not to be at all sticky, sprinkle with sugar and pack in layers with wax papers between. This fruit may be used for dipping in bitter chocolate for bitter-sweets.

Fruit Paste.

Put through the meat chopper enough cherry, peach or quince preserves to make a half pint with the juice. Heat fruit and add two tablespoons of gelatine previously softened in a very little cold water. Stir well, and continue stirring until it begins to cool and thicken, then pour into oiled dish to make a layer one inch thick. Let dry slowly, sprinkle with sugar and place in box with waxed paper between the layers. A mixture of dried apricots and dates may be used for this paste. Wash apricots and soak overnight in enough water to cover. Pour off water, bring it to a boil, pour over apricots and let stand until cool. Put apricots and dates through meat chopper and proceed with the proportions as given.

Bitter-Sweets.

An attractive variety of candies may be made by dipping sweet fruits in bitter chocolate. Use for this purpose dates, citron, candied orange peel or crystallized fruit. Melt unsweetened chocolate in a double boiler. Keep the chocolate just warm enough to prevent solidifying. With a silver fork drop pieces of fruit in chocolate. See that each piece is completely coated, then remove to waxed paper to harden.

CHICHESTER S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chi-ches-ter's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHI-CHES-TER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

May your Christmas
be happy in 1,000 ways.
and last you 365 days.

Montgomery Shoe Company.

NEW TROUGH WATERS STOCK

Animal, Stepping on Platform, Opens Valves Which Allow a Fresh, Cold Stream to Pour In.

A trough has been invented which can gauge the amount of water an animal drinks. There is a platform which works in conjunction with valves on the supply and drain pipes of the trough. When an animal steps on the platform the valves are opened and a stream of water pours in. As he slakes his thirst and steps off the platform the inlet is closed and the surplus water is drained off.

The valve mechanism of this device is mounted in a concrete well in the ground. The valve of the supply pipe and the valve of the drain pipe are mounted side by side, and the stems of both valves fit into a single operating lever. Hinged above this mechanism at the level of the ground is the platform. The front end of the platform is raised slightly by a pair of springs and is connected with the lever of the valves. The water trough lies just in front of the platform.

As soon as an animal walks on the platform he presses the front end down and opens the valves of the trough pipes. The water gushes in at just the rate that he will drink. His thirst quenched, he leaves the platform, the springs raise it up and close the valves. Very little water is wasted, and the drink furnished the thirsty animal is as cool and fresh as that which is supplied to the farmer and his men.

FAVORS AN AMATEUR BUGLER

Flatdweller Prefers Distressing Noise Made by Cornet Tooter to Man Who Yells "Murder" in Sleep.

"We lived once," said Mr. Flatdweller, "in the same house with an amateur cornet player; and we thought then that if we ever got out of that house we should be happy. It didn't seem as if we could ever have, in any other place, so distressful a neighbor.

"But in this house that we have lately moved into we heard the first night we were here the cry of

"'Murder! Murder!'

"We sat up in horror; listening and wondering what we ought to do; but the next moment we heard a female voice saying:

"'Edward! Edward! Wake up! Mercy! What's the matter?'

"And then we heard, in a man's voice:

"'My gracious! I'm glad that wasn't true.'

"This was a great relief to us, of course, as no doubt it was to Edward; but then, as we pulled the bed clothes up again and our head touched the pillow, we reflected that the novice struggling with a cornet had once seemed the worst thing that could happen to us; but now we knew better. As between him and a neighbor prone to a nightmare, give us, oh, give us, every time, the amateur bugler."

Train the Memory.

The memory is a faculty which through patient practice may be cultivated and trained to a wonderful degree. Morphy, the celebrated chess player, could play several games of chess simultaneously without seeing any of the boards on which the various games were being conducted. It was a peculiarly impressive sight to see him standing in the middle of the floor, with his arms folded, defending himself and attacking the various opponents, with the position of the chess men on the several boards always in his mind's eye, observes a writer. The noted Jesuit Father Suarez was said to have known all the works of St. Augustine by heart. These consist of eleven large volumes. Pascal is said never to have forgotten anything he read, and the same is told of Grotius, Leibnitz and Euler. Themistocles knew the name of every one of the twenty thousand citizens of Athens.

Where Cyclones Originate.

The most violent cyclones originate in tropical latitudes, in the Atlantic ocean to the north and east of West Indian islands, and in the Pacific, in the China sea and in the neighborhood of the Philippine islands.

The reason they are so destructive is because they are carried such great distances by extraneous influences. The West Indian cyclones are attracted toward the Gulf stream by the great volume of heated air which always hangs over it and follows its course; so the cyclones of the Pacific follow the course of Kuro Siwo, the great oceanic current which passes around the East Indian archipelago, the shores of China and the Japanese islands.

Cyclones may be anywhere from 50 to 500 miles in diameter and may travel over a path 5,000 miles in extent.

A Robert Browning Story.

Tennyson wore the same hat year after year, a big wide-awake, almost green with age. How long exactly he had had this hat nobody seems to know. His Inverness cloak was not quite so ancient, but had long since seen its best days. The great poet was scrupulously clean in his person, but he would not part with his old clothes.

He seems to have clung as tenaciously to his boots as to his hat. William Allingham records in his diary: "Robert Browning dined at Tennyson's last night. Tennyson in great force. He said, 'This pair of dress boots is forty years old.' Browning said it was good evidence of the immortality of the sole!"

TELLS ABOUT MERINO SHEEP

Writer Accounts for Thick Folds in Fleece, Not to Be Found in Other Popular Breeds.

Just about every so often I get to feeling sheepish, as it were, and have to write something to show my family why with those animals, says Strickland Gillilan in Farm Life.

The other day I saw my wife cooking a leg of lamb. Now and then she would open the door of the oven and dip some water over the meat.

Thus I learned how, when we start to roast somebody, we may be said to be giving him a lamb-basting.

You have often heard of sheepfolds, haven't you? Well, if you want to see a sheepfold look at any merino sheep, which accounts for the way the folds show on them.

When merino sheep were made, hide was cheaper than mutton and wool was a drug on the market. So a wee bit of sheep was wrapped in several sheepskins, necessitating a lot of overtime. It seems easier to shir a sheep than to shear one.

There is an old rhyme which speaks of the "folded flock." Those must have been merinos. It is some nifty stunt to de-wool a merino and leave on more of the hide than of the wool. It is the only accordion plaited sheep in the solar system. If merinos had been washed in green persimmon juice all their lives they couldn't have been puckerender.

Evidently their mammas didn't use that kind of soap.

The Southdown, Oxforddown, Shropshiredown, etc., are sheep with clean dresses and dirty hands and faces.

The only sheep that wear bustles are the fat rumped sheep now being raised at the state college at Brookings, S. D. They carry a trailer, something like a locomotive, only there isn't a tender behind, except for eating purposes.

GOLDFISH MARKET OF JAPAN

Koriyama and Tokyo Are Leading Centers of Industry From Which Good Returns Are Gained.

Koriyama is known throughout Japan as the great gold-fish market, the city of Tokyo ranking next in importance, says a correspondent. The waters around the former city seem particularly suitable for the culture of the many kinds of gold fish.

Generally speaking the gold fish lay eggs in April, the eggs being hatched in four or five days. No food is given the young fishlings for three days, but they are then fed finely ground yolks of eggs mixed with water, the yolks being first boiled then strained through a silk cloth. This diet is later changed to the larvae of mosquitoes.

The most valuable fish is called the "Lion Head," which gets its name from the appearance of a lion's mane. Three-year-old fish of this variety command prices ranging from $5 to $20.

It is the usual custom to keep the fish in glass bowls, although the fish cannot fully develop under such circumstances. Flat boxes made of wood free from lye or shallow cement ponds are considered ideal for keeping the fish.

Monks and the Silkworm.

About the year 552 two Persian monks stole furtively out of China with some hollow bamboo canes. They set out on foot and made their way from China into Europe. In that cane were a multitude of the eggs of the silkworm moth, which the monks had stolen. They carried them to Constantinople.

When the time came for the hatching of the eggs the monks tended the little caterpillars, fed them on the leaves of the mulberry, took their cocoons when they spun, and from them derived the first silk produced in Europe. Silk had for centuries before been a treasure of China, and its manufacture, like the insects which produced it, was jealously guarded. The monks, while on a missionary enterprise to China, had witnessed the whole process of silkworm rearing and the manufacture of silk.

Experts' Perilous Task.

One of the thrilling and hazardous duties which sometimes falls to the lot of game experts and wardens in mountainous regions of the West is to search out eagles' nests, rob them of their eggs, and perhaps take the young captive, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. The perils of the task are not all passed when, with a rope ladder or by other precarious means, he has ascended or descended to the aerie, for then the intruder must face the powerful grown birds at close range, and often when he cannot defend himself to advantage. The searcher for the lofty nests also finds that the young fifty or sixty days old, can become disagreeably aggressive.

Fishing Village That Floats.

In the shadow of the huge Manhattan bridge which connects New York proper with Brooklyn nestles a veritable fishing village consisting of nine two-story houseboats moored side by side so as to form a solid row and sheltering the fishermen and their families, on whom New York city is dependent for a good part of its fish supply. But unless you are familiar with the vagaries of fish and the localities in which they school in certain seasons you need not go in search of this village. Often it disappears from a locality overnight, without any farewells, reappearing as quietly a few months later.—Popular Science Monthly.

Christmas Cheer

Kind wishes, we know, are pleasant to hear and gratifying to the one on whom they are bestowed.

But kind wishes coupled with the sort of service that materializes the expression of well-being form a practical combination that leaves a lasting recollection of the well wisher.

And so with our Christmas Salutation to our customers we would couple a promise of continued service of such excellence and sufficiency as to insure permanent Christmas Cheer to our patrons.

Wishing you All a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kuchs Bros.

BOOKS JEWELRY STATIONERY

Ambulance Drivers in Paris Unable to Return Home--No Civilian Clothes

Paris, Dec. 22.—More than two hundred American youths, formerly volunteer ambulance drivers for the American Field Service, the Norton-Harjes and Red Cross organizations, have been sent back to the United States through the activities of the American provost marshal and the military police in Paris.

The carrying out of the orders to drive every ex-ambulance boy out of uniform and into civilian clothes and to force his departure from France immediately worked financial hardships among a few of them. Nearly all of the youths who have been in Paris came over following the passage of the compulsory military service law in the United States, preferring to drive ambulances to service in the trenches.

Then the United States army in the person of Colonel Grayson M. P. Murphy, took over the American field service and the Norton-Harjes-American Red Cross and announced that drivers to remain in the units must enlist in the army. Many of the drivers did enlist, but a certain number refused, and when their three-months enlistments expired left and came to Paris. It is these men, who evaded the draft in America, that the provost marshal sought to send home.

More innocent victims of the order, however, were older men who had served some time as ambulance drivers and who did not wish to tie up for the duration of the war. A number of these men are well over thirty-one years of age, the extreme limit at which they are liable for draft. Some of these had long since worn out and thrown away what civilian clothing they had brought to France with them and had no garments left to wear except the uniforms of the ambulance organizations to which they had belonged.

"I wanted to wait around Paris to see if I could pick up a good job here," one ambulance driver said. He had been with the American ambulance for three years, since the first months of the war. He is more than forty years old, and could not pass the strict physical examination for the United States army. "I gave up a good position to come to France and do what I could," he continued. "I am a bachelor and it didn't make much difference to me. Now they tell me I can't wear the old ambulance uniform any more and must take the first boat home. A new outfit of civilian clothes is going to cost me about 500 francs ($100) which, with prices up so high, is twice what I could get it for in New York. Besides, I have clothing in New York, but they won't let me wear the uniform even until I get there."

DR. W. W. TURNER
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Treatment of bowel, liver and nervous diseases a specialty.
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HOW THE BRITISH SOLVED IT

New York, Dec. 22.—How the British war savings campaign was made a success by the war savings certificate, which idea has just been adopted by the United States, was told the Academy of Political Science at its meeting at Carnegie Hall recently by Basil P. Blackett, C. B., of the British treasury.

"When the national war savings committee was appointed," said Mr. Blackett, "in the beginning of 1916, it set to work to explain that there was an absolute shortage of goods and services available for war; that energy must be transferred from the production of non-essentials to that of essentials; that consumption of non-essentials must cease in order that their production might cease; that energy must be transferred from non-essentials to essentials.

"The war savings campaign succeeded largely because of the invention of the war savings certificate, which has served as a model for the American war savings certificate. Local war savings committees and war savings associations were organized throughout the country to persuade the public to buy bonds. This was a new idea in Great Britain, where the investor had always been expected to come to the bond houses.

"The success of the war savings plan has been due to the atmosphere which it created. The committees emphasized the importance of saving and left the question of investment in government securities in the second place. It directed thought toward the one object of victory and made people understand that saving meant the placing of goods and services in increasing volume at the disposal of the government, and it also meant increased production and avoidance of waste, as well as refraining from unnecessary expenditure."

To Our Many Friends

and Patrons and the Flower Loving Public in General, We Wish You

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and many of them

THE ENGELMANN GREENHOUSES.
F. A. Engelmann. Alfred Engelmann.

Christmas Greetings

This store has been well patronized and is glad to express its gratefulness to the public for its support during this year.

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Chas. Buhler

Groceries. Meat Market

MANY THANKS.

We express our thankfulness for the patronage given us during the short time—only since December 1 — which we have been in business here.

A Merry Christmas to You.

Garrett Hardware Company.
England & Sawyer, Prop.

Sunday Services at Local Churches

First Presbyterian Church.
S. A. Coile, pastor.
Sabbath school at 9:45. C. E. Wells superintendent.
Morning worship at 11.
Special Christmas carols.
Anthem, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," (Smart).
Sermon, "Where Is He That was Born King of the Jews?"
Anthem, "Star of the Orient," (Shelley).
The Sunday School Christmas program will be given at 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

First Christian.
C. Emerson Miller, pastor.
Sunday School at 9:30.
Morning worship at 10:45.
Anthem, "The Vision," (Morris).
Offertory, "There Were Shepherds" (Vincent).
Sermon, "The One Who Came."
Christian Endeavor at 6:30.

Great Reductions in Holiday Goods

For Monday's Selling --- the last day before Christmas.

$5.00 Wooden Doll	$3.50
4.50 Wooden Doll	3.00
4.00 Wooden Doll	2.50
3.50 Wooden Doll	2.50
Any $2.00 Doll	$1.50
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Any .75 Doll	.50
Any ...50 Doll	.40
$5.00 Trench Toy	$3.00
3.50 Trench Toy	2.00
1.50 Trench Toy	1.00
$12.00 Structo Sets	8.00
6.00 Structo Sets	4.00
4.00 Structo Sets	3.00
7.50 Erector Sets	5.00
5.00 Erector Sets	4.00
1.50 Chemcraft	1.00
1.00 Chemcraft	.50
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2.00 Tool Chest	1.50
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10 per cent off on pictures.

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D. E. Hotchkin
111 West Third Street.

Christmas exercises at 7:30.

South Methodist Church.
R. C. Holliday, pastor.
Sunday School at 9:30.
Special program.
President Ira Richardson will fill the pulpit tomorrow morning in the absence of the pastor.
There will be special music.
Epworth League at 6:30.
There will be no services at the evening hour.

First Baptist.
T. H. Wiles, pastor.
Sunday School at 9:30. Dr. E. L Harrington, superintendent.
Morning worship at 11.
Anthem, "Angels of Light," (Neidlinger).
Solo, "The Birthday of the King," Mrs. A. A. Carter.
Sermon, "The Annunciation of the Birth of Christ."
B. Y. P. U. at 6:30.
Christmas program at 7:30.

First Methodist.
Gilbert S. Cox, pastor.
Sunday School at 9:30.
Morning worship at 10:45, conducted by the Rev. W. F. Burris, D. D. Subject, "Man's True Rank."
Anthem, "Gloria in Excelsis."
Epworth League at 6:30, special Christmas services.
Evening service at 7:30.
Address by Pastor, subject, "Music and the Birth of Jesus."
Anthem, "Hark, Hark, My Soul," (Shelley).
Baritone Solo and chorus, "A New Heaven and a New Earth," from the Holy City, Gaul.
Quartette, It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," (Shelley).
Anthem, "Thine Is the Kingdom," (Gaul).
Tenor solo, "A Song of Christmas," (Neidlinger).
Anthem, "Gloria in Excelsis," from the Twelfth Mass, (Mozart).
Subscriptions for the Central Christian Advocate will be taken at both morning and evening services.

First Church of Christ Scientist.
206 South Main street.
Sunday school at 9:45.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock.
Subject of Lesson Sermon, "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?"
No Sunday night service.
Midweek prayer services at 8 o'clock Wednesday night.
Reading room changed to the church building on South Main street. Open from 2 until 5 o'clock on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.
Every one welcome to the reading room and to all the services.

St. Patricks Church.
Father Henry F. Niemann, pastor.
Low Mass at 8.
High Mass, with sermon at 10.
Evening devotions at 7:30.

St. Mary's Church.
Father Odillo Schieber, O. S. B., pastor.
Low mass at 8.
High mass with sermon at 10.
Evening worship at 7.

Clearmont Lodge Elects.

The following officers have been elected for the coming year in the Masonic lodge at Clearmont: W. M., J. H. Clary; S. W., J. W. Smith; T. W., J. A. Griffey; treasurer, George W. Clary; secretary, H. S. Dowell; S. D., Harve Bush; J. D., J. N. Billingsley; S. S., D. S. Clayton; J. S., Fred Griffey, and tyler, William Watson.
On Thursday, December 27 a dinner will be served at 12 o'clock, and at 1 o'clock a public installation of the above officers will be held.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sparks and daughter of Orrsburg were shopping in Maryville today.

NEW YORK'S BURIED WEALTH

Millions of Dollars' Worth of Copper, Lead and Other Products Deposited Beneath Streets.

Under the streets of New York city are deposits of copper, lead and other valuable products far exceeding in quantity and value any mine yet discovered throughout the world. Engineers and scientists estimate the amount of copper to be found in the boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx at 30,000,000 pounds, valued approximately at $7,500,000. The lead is estimated at 60,000,000 pounds, worth something like $4,800,000.

This discovery was announced at the electrical exposition at Grand Central palace, where the Consolidated Telegraph and Electric Subway company had a large exhibit showing a full-size cross section of one of the city's principal thoroughfares. In this mammoth cross section of earth and rock the veins of copper and of lead could be easily traced. Of course, the veins of copper are the wires carrying the electric current for lighting, heating, power and communication to every nook and corner of the great metropolis, while the lead is used to protect the cables.

The street cross section at the electrical exposition was 70 feet long by 25 feet deep. It showed the location of the street railway conduits and rails, electric service substation, distributing station, conduits, splicing chambers, with their unique water draining systems and other interesting things that lay beneath the streets of New York and mark the advanced stage of its civilization. It took a crew of 20 men a week to construct this interesting exhibit.

CHIEF HARBOR OF MACEDONIA

Salonica, Built About 315 B. C., Was Named by Its Founder for His Wife.

In the days when St. Paul Addressed his Epistles to the Thessalonians Salonica was not modern, for it was built about 315 B. C. on the site of an older city called Therme, says the London Globe, and was named by its founder after his wife, a sister of Alexander the Great. It has always been a place of importance, as it is the chief harbor of Macedonia, and was a point on the ancient highway from Rome to the East.

With a few fine buildings, like the old mosque which had been in turn a temple of Venus and a Christian church, it has always been a collection of houses largely of wood, and, therefore, highly inflammable in the extreme contiguous heat of summer.

The conflagration which recently swept away the main part of it is not by very many the first experience of the kind in its history, one of the most memorable being the fire at the beginning of September, 1890, which did $4,000,000 worth of damage.

Bidding for Trouble.

These women certainly do get away with it.

Who would suspect the supreme court of New York having pronounced views on the equality of the sexes? But here is Justice Goff, comments the St. Paul News, who not only admits that a woman may practice law, but insists that she is just like other lawyers.

Mary L. Lilly rose to address the court. "Are you a member of the bar?" queried the justice.

"Yes, your honor," the lady replied.

"Then you should remove your hat, like all other lawyers."

This little dialogue merely shows that the court values the "woman's prerogative" of changing her mind. Not many years ago Dr. Mary Walker was in trouble with the courts because she wanted to wear trousers, "like all other doctors." Now what would Justice Goff decide if Lawyer Lilly carried his advice to a logical conclusion and came into court in regular male attire, "like all other lawyers?"

The Sound of Guns.

Conflicting statements have been made from time to time as to the distance at which the guns can be heard. On a still night, when an easterly breeze is prevailing, says a writer in the Dundee Advertiser, I have heard the dull thud quite distinctly in South London. It is this disquieting sound, not less than the din of an occasional air raid, which gives Londoners an idea how near the conflict really is. Now records are being prepared which show the extent of the distance at which the guns are heard. Scientists at University college declare they can be distinguished at a range of 200 miles. This would include places like Warwick, Hull, Cromer, Brighton and Weymouth. Sound travels at a rate of about 1,090 feet a second, so that the sound of the guns in Flanders reaches London about 12½ minutes after the explosions occur.

The Soldier's Life.

Sergeant Finnegan was all dressed up and looked it. He was stationed at Fort Tilden—which is away among the sand dunes on the far end of Rockaway Point—and he was going to take a day off, writes a camp correspondent.

"Good-by, fellers," he shouted. "It's going to be a cold night. Me for a warm bed at home tonight." And he started on a run for the boat waiting at the pier.

He had got about 25 yards along when he heard: "Sergeant Finnegan." The voice was the voice of his company commander, and the sergeant turned and went back and stood at salute. The captain spoke:

"You will distribute the underwear this afternoon and bring over the stoves which arrived at the barracks this morning."

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SALTING SOFT CORN GIVES GOOD RESULTS

The plan of saltnig soft corn in the crib, which is being exploited generally now, has the endorsement of J. B. Lamson, agriculturist of the Burlington railroad, who has issued the following circular in regard to the matter: As husking progresses, two facts are becoming more evident. 1—Sound corn next summer will be held at a high premium. 2—The seed corn situation next spring is going to be serious. The situation is more acute because there are no old stocks of corn on hand. It will pay to take unusual steps to save the corn crop now. There are at least three things which can be done: 1—Sort all corn before cribbing; throw out the softest ears; select and hang up in a dry place the most mature ears for seed. 2—Ventilate cribs by building air chutes through the center or stringing drain tile through on wires to allow easy access of air. 3—Salt the corn as it is being cribbed at the rate of one barrel of salt to each 1,000 bushels of corn. The practice of salting corn has been tried out in other years. Results have been entirely satisfactory in every way. Well salted corn will not mold and the corn will not taste salty when fed next summer. We believe it will pay to keep right on husking. There is no prospect of corn improving in the field. There is danger of bad weather, and handled as outlined above, we believe the crop can be saved. A correspondent writing in the Chicago Daily News give sthe following as the history of the salting plan: In 1881 many Illinois farmers experimented with Kansas large eared and kerneled corn, which requires a long season, with the result that they had a good deal of soft corn. Among these farmers was T. J. Marshall of Prophetstown. He was told by an elderly German, John Liphart, that in Sweden and northern Germany soft corn was preserved by scatternig through it in the crib about two barrels of salt to the 1,000 bushels of corn. Marshall followed this suggestion with the result that, while he lost his corn already cribbed without salt, the salted corn came out in the spring as dry as a bone, but a little light in weight, as the salt had taken all the moisture out of it. It is further declared that while corn so treated does not heat or mold, it does not harden up right until a higher temperature and spring winds appear. There was more trouble with soft corn near Prophetstown in 1915 and many farmers salted it. Now many more in that vicinity are using salt this season and all reports are very flattering. I. S. Brooks, farm adviser for LaSalle county, advises the use of one barrel of salt to 1,000 bushels, and states that the salt sweats the moisture out of the corn to the outside of the ears and that there is no taste of salt on the ears the following summer. C. J. Mann, adviser for Bureau county, expresses himself as highly pleased with the results of corn salting, and Harry A. Wheeler, federal food administrator for Illinois, looks favorably on the plan and has agreed to aid in getting supplies of salt. Roy Bishop, Illinois state county agent, urges the use of salt. Salt is short now in many places, not because there is not a good supply, but because it is difficult to get the cars to move it. If there should be much of a demand for it the United States traffic commissioners would have to make an order to give salt priority shipments in order to secure it.

"The Garden of Allah."

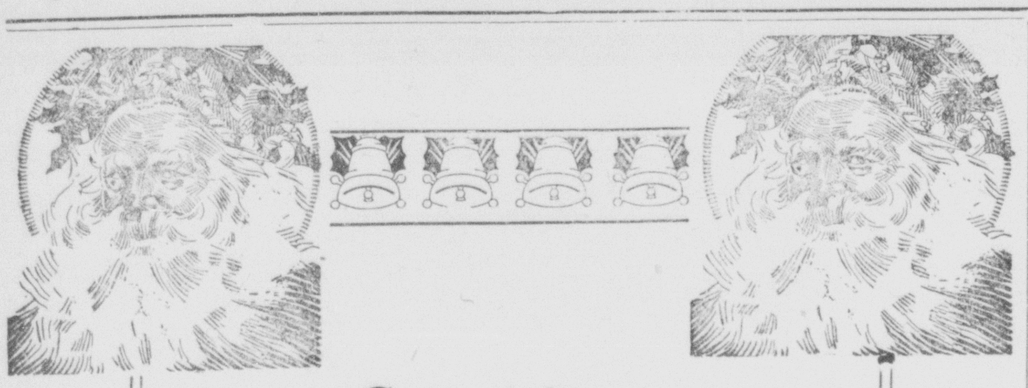
To the lovers of the Orient and the mystic the announcement that "The Garden of Allah," the screen version made by W. N. Selig, will be the next attraction at the Empire theatre on Wednesday, December 26, will be welcome.

When this wonderful play was first produced from the novel of Robert Hitchen's on the dramatic stage it became a sensation over night and the same may be said of the screen production. The producers have been able to go much further in the matter of realism than could be done on the dramatic stage and the consequence is that the auditor is transported to the land of th eOrient and becomes a part and parcel of the piece.

Mr. Selig has spared no expense in putting this wonderful play on both in the matter of staging and also in the selecting of a cast, which is headed by Miss Helen Ware, one of the best of our well known emotional women, who will be seen in the leading role of Domini Enfilden.

Thousands of men and horses, caravans of camels, Arabs, native Bedouins are included in the cast and lend their picturesque sweep to this colossal production.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.



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WANTED--CURE FOR MEASLES

Uncle Sam Will Bestow Fame and Fortune on the Man Who Furnishes a Sure Receipt

Washington, Dec. 22. — Fame and fortune await the man who can trace to its source that periodical bugbear of the army and navy—the measles, and mumps epidemic.

For some unknown reason, whenever troops are concentrated, either in large camps or on board ship, one of the first diseases to make its appearance is the measles, and this disease which the most of us place in the category of childhood ills, is one of the most dreaded by army surgeons.

Symptoms of the disease appearing in any of the men is the signal for the immediate quarantining of the soldier's company and the barracks where he is located. Fumigation of the barracks then follows and every precaution is taken to prevent an epidemic.

An after - effect of measles, greatly feared by army physicians is the development of pneumonia, and it has been found that the fatalities among mature persons are much greater than with children. The pneumonia result has been more prevalent in the cantonments located in the southern states than in those in the north or west.

Generally speaking, surgeons look for mumps at about th etime the measles appear, and are rarely disappointed. The fatalities through mumps do not begin to reach the number of those by measles, but the same rigid quarantine is observed in both cases.

For many years the best surgeon in the army have been working on theories that would eradicate the source of these diseases but they have to admit that they are now no nearer a solution than ever before.

This is the season of the year that the epidemics usually start and i would not be surprising to hear of the quarantining of entire cantonment posts in all sections of the country through the holiday season.

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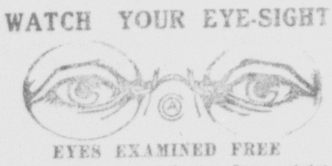

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JAPANESE BUILD BIG ARSENAL IN MEXICO

Tokio, Dec. 22. — Having finished building a modern military arsenal for the Mexican government, from which 110,000 shells are being turned out each day, Lieut. Kojiro Asai, an artillery officer of the Japanese army has returned to Japan. He was in Mexico City eight months, being commissioned by President Carranza to build the arsenal.

The Japanese army officer left here in January with twenty-four skilled workmen, a shipload of materials and a consignment of munitions for the Mexican government forces. With 200 Mexican workmen working night and day, the arsenal was finished in June and the Japanese returned after a trial of the arsenal showed that it was capable of turning out 110,000 shells a day for use in internal troubles in Mexico.

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IS CAUGHT IN HIS OWN TRAP

Court Prosecutor, Insisting on Prisoner Demonstrating How Hard He Assaulted Man, Is Speedily Shown.

It happened in the courtroom during the trial of a husky young man who was charged with assault and battery, relates the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Throughout an especially severe cross-examination the defendant stoutly maintained that he had merely pushed the plaintiff "a little bit."

"Well, about how hard?" queried the prosecutor.

"Oh, just a little bit," responded the defendant.

"Now," said the attorney, "for the benefit of the judge and the jury, you will please step down here and, with me for the subject, illustrate just how hard you mean."

Owing to the unmerciful badgering which the witness had just been through, the prosecutor thought that the young man would perhaps overdo the matter to get back at him, and thus incriminate himself.

The defendant descended as per schedule, and approached the waiting attorney. When he reached him the spectators were astonished to see him slap the lawyer in the face, kick him in the shins, seize him bodily, and, finally, with a supreme effort, lift him from the floor and hurl him prostrate across a table.

Turning from the bewildered prosecutor, he faced the court and explained mildly:

"Your honor and gentleman, about one-tenth that hard!"

STORY MADE EMERSON LAUGH

Recalled Incident of Young Man Sending Letter Intended for His Washerwoman to His Sweetheart.

Young Conwell was sent by Horace Greeley to interview Ralph Waldo Emerson for the New York Tribune. He was pleasantly received by Emerson in his home in Concord, surrounded by his family, recites the Kansas City Star. In the course of the conversation he asked Mr. Emerson what he laughed at. In all the writing of the Concord philosopher there is not a joke nor even a trace of humor.

Emerson replied that he never laughed.

"Oh, yes, you do, father," cried the family. "We hear you laughing in the garden."

"Well," Emerson said, "I do sometimes laugh at something I read when a boy, but it is foolish and not worth putting in a paper."

Mr. Conwell said that was just what he wanted.

Emerson then told about an agitated young man who wrote two letters, one to his washerwoman and one to his lady love. He mixed them up, and the latter was very much astonished to receive this letter:

"If you muss up the bosom of my best shirt again I will have nothing whatever to do with you." —

Parliamentary Privilege.

Parliamentary privilege means the almost complete freedom from arrest that is accorded members of parliamentary bodies. The Constitution of the United States says that senators and representatives "shall in all cases, except treason, felony and breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at the session of their respective houses, and in going to and returning from the same; and for any speech or debate in either house, they shall not be questioned in any other place." Similar provisions appear in the constitutions of most of the states. The constitution of Indiana makes the provision broader. It says: "Senators and representatives, in all cases except treason, felony and breach of the peace, shall be privileged from arrest during the session of the general assembly, and in going to and returning from the same, and shall not be subject to any civil process during the session of the general assembly nor during the fifteen days next before the commencement thereof. For any speech or debate in either house a member shall not be questioned in any other place."

Law of the Family.

No man lives for himself alone. Whether we will or not, we are dependent on the exertions of others and others are affected by our good or evil acts, says Parris T. Farwell in the Congregationalist. We belong to a family, a town, a state, a nation, to the great family of mankind. Absolute liberty is not possible even for the members of a family except as the liberty is guided by good will. If in a home each member considered himself alone, disregarding the wishes and welfare of others, the result would be destruction. That is the best society in which the law of the family is applied on the largest scale. The Golden Rule is the only law by which ideal society can be obtained. "We are members one of another."

Useful Parrot.

Uncaged and unattended, a parrot perches throughout the day on a chair outside of a store in Seattle, Wash., and advertises the wares to be purchased therein to all passersby. During the summer time he is particularly useful, his owner having taught him to make this announcement: "Ice cream cones—five cents. Right inside." The appearance of a pedestrian in the vicinity of the store is a signal for the bird to repeat his announcement. The parrot has proven a great advertising card and has greatly boosted the business of the store to the advantage of the owner.

BIG WATERFALL IN ICELAND

Dettifoss Most Striking, Larger Than Any in Europe—Scenic Wonder of the Frigid Country.

Dettifoss, by far the most striking of the Iceland waterfalls, and larger than any in Europe, is well worth a visit, but it involves some very long rides. The writer says the Christian Science Monitor, starting from the northern part of Husavik, took over two days to reach it, stopping at night at two farmhouses on the way, and making a detour to see the wonderful volcanic valley of Ashbyrgi. The journey westward to Myvatn from the fall over desert land, occupied about ten hours.

The fall lies on the Jokullsa, a glacial river that rises in the Vatnajokull range in the south, and flowing northward, falls into the Arctic sea. Parallel to the river lies a deep rift like a dried-up river bed; and this has to be crossed before the traveler can stand on the brink of the chasm where the river takes its leap 200 feet down. There is a curious crack in mid-stream and over it the sundered waters are hurled in wild confusion, again mingling and losing themselves in clouds of spray. The columnar basalt on the far side can be discerned through the mist, every pillar tipped with moss, while the near side is also green and velvety. The walls of the ravine being perpendicular, to descend is impossible, and the blinding spray prevents a long stay near the fall, which is best seen at a point lower down the river. The upper fall, a quarter of an hour's walk higher up, with fifteen feet of a drop, seems a mere cascade after the principal one.

The whole region bears witness to the "strife of nature." On the far side of the river stretches a desert marked with dull red cinder heaps, and crater vents like huge black cauldrons, snow-capped hills closing in the weird landscape. From the cavernous depths in the foreground rises the ceaseless moan of the waterfall, so remote from human habitation, and impressive in its loneliness.

ENGLISH HELD MANY FEASTS

Oyster Festival, White Bait Dinner, Fish Pie and Sausage Repasts, Among Former Celebrations.

There is scarcely an old city or village in England that formerly did not have an annual banquet of some sort, designed to advertise the particular products for which the place is famous, observes a correspondent. Colchester had its annual oyster feast, which was given every October, usually at the beginning of the month. But that was a comparatively modern festival. Much more ancient was the yearly white bait dinner at Greenwich, which at one time was almost as great a social event as the dinner given by the lord mayor of London.

The fish pie dinner at Gorleston, near Yarmouth, had as its guests each year 65 fishermen, with the vicar at the head of the table. The number at the table was strictly limited to 65, except the vicar, and was never more or less. At Yarmouth, the home of the far-famed Yarmouth bloater, the annual herring dinner was quite an event. The menu consisted entirely of herring of all ages from infant sprats to grandfather herring, prepared in many different ways. Peterborough's sausage dinner was given every year by the mayor and corporation of the town, and every variety of sausage known was served to the guests. Another famous "feed" was the venison dinner given at Farnham by the bishop of Winchester.

Filipino Working Girl.

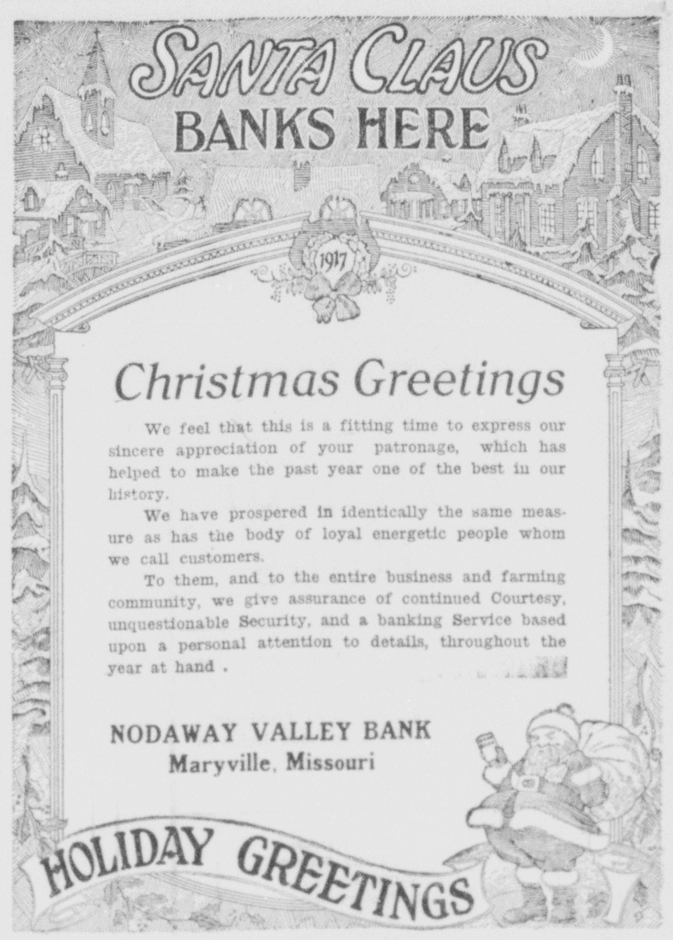
At Bokod a Filipino girl with two years' training can earn 25 cents a day weaving pillow covers, table runners, or dress material, says the Christian Herald. The food she eats costs 5 cents a day. She not only earns money for herself and family in addition to taking a complete academic course, but one-half the proceeds from her labor, turned into the school fund, has already provided the school with a fine phonograph, a good collection of records, and the instruments for a ten-piece stringed orchestra, which turns out music that would compare well with the best that graduates from a New England finishing school could do.

First Use of Jingo.

George Jacob Holyoake, the apostle of co-operation, was the first to make use of the nickname jingo in reference to a wrong kind of patriotism in a letter which he wrote about the Disraelian Chauvinists in 1878, observes the Argonaut. Nobody yet knows for certain where the word came from, or what was its original meaning. Motteux, in his seventeenth century translation of Rabelais, gave "par Dieu" as "by Jingo;" it is some people's opinion that Jingo is the Basque for God, and that the word made its way into the English language through the medium of Basque sailors.

Dry, Hot Atmosphere.

Dryness combined with high temperature is commonly deemed injurious, notes an exchange. This is the combination found in desert climates and in many artificially heated dwellings in northern climates in winter. The dry, hot atmosphere induces restlessnes and "nervous" feelings as well as drying and irritation of the skin and mucous membranes. Susceptibility to colds is said to be increased in indoor dwellers in a hot, dry atmosphere, although a similar effect does not seem to be associated with the aridity of desert climates.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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

HE THINKS "STONEWALL" JACKSON WAS BEST GENERAL

Washington, Dec. 22.—Which of all the American generals is it that has given European strategists most food for thought? Give a guess, or two, or three. And then you will be wrong, according to a prominent Southern congressman, who says it is not Washington, or Sherman, or Grant, or Robert E. Lee.

"Stonewall Jackson is the man," this congressman declared. "I was surprised recently in talking to British army officers to learn that they have made it a point to study all of Jackson's campaigns. It seems they regard him as the cleverest of all the American generals and the most capable in maneuvering against odds.

"One British officer told me that he personally, with a staff of subordinates, had gone on foot over all the ground covered by General Jackson in his great raids during the Civil War. He said it was as fine a study in tactics as could be found anywhere."

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Three or four pairs of shoes, $20.
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Ten pairs of stockings, $10.
One corset, $5.
One year's underclothing, $25.
One year's hairpins, buttons, ribbons, etc., $5.
Spring suit, $30.
Two summer dresses, $10.
Sport suit, $10.
Three or four shirt waists, $20.
Winter suit, $35.
Coat, $25.
Three pairs of gloves, $10.
Party dress, $30.
Furs, $30.
Miscellaneous, $10.

Alexander Weiss, member of the association, in charge of the late style show at the La Salle hotel in Chicago, and who furnished the list, was reminded that he had left out petticoats.

"Petticoats?" he echoed. "What are they?"

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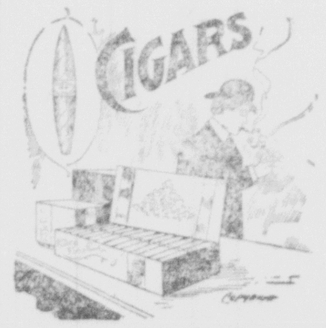

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Cattle—6 milch cows, some will freshen soon; 2 good 2 year old Shorthorn heifers; 3 spring calves; 1 yearling Shorthorn bull.

Hogs—1 thoroughbred Hampshire male hog; 14 brood sows, all bred; some stock hogs; 45 fall shoats. Hogs all immuned from cholera.

Hay and Grain—1,000 bushels of good corn; 15 tons hay; 4 tons good alfalfa in stack; 40 acres stalk field; 15 shocks fodder.

Implements—2 wagons, 1 low wheel wagon; 2 cultivators; 1 wheat drill; 1 mowing machine; 1 hay rake; 1 harrow; 1 lister; 1 Campbell corn drill; 2 buggies; 1 14-inch plow; 1 16x16 sulky plow; 1 scraper; 2 sets work harness, 2 sets single harness; 1 corn sheller; 1 steel tank; 1 50-gallon gas tank; 1 De-Laval cream separator.

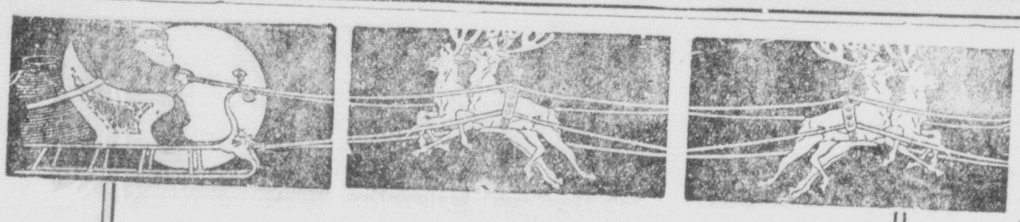
Household and Kitchen Furniture—1 Majestic range, in good shape; 2 wood heaters; 1 china closet; 1 ice chest; 2 dining tables; 1 library table; 1 Hamilton piano, good as new; 1 rug, 11x12; 1 Wheeler & Wilson sewing machine; bed steads, springs, dressers and chairs, and other articles too numerous to mention.

Chickens and Geese—6 dozen young Brown Leghorn hens, good stuff; 6 dozen Reds and Plymouth Rock hens, young ones; 10 bushels Early Ohio potatoes.

Terms—All sums under $10 cash. On sums over $10 a credit of 3, 6 or 9 months, bearing 8% interest on bankable note. Nothing to be removed until terms of sale are complied with. Lunch by ladies of Wesley Chapel.

R. P. Hosmer, Auct.
Jos. Jackson Jr., Clerk.

R. T. Noakes



The
Banks of Maryville

will be closed on

Christmas Day

Christmas being a legal Holiday, the banks will not be open for business.

Nodaway Valley Bank
First Natoinal Bank
Real Estate Bank
Farmers Trust Co.
Gillam-Jackson Loan & Trust Co.

A Nation of Army Worms

(By Harvey O'Higgins)

"The Germans," their beloved Bismarck said, "are a nation of house servants."

His successors seem to have made them a nation of army worms.

All their fine qualities of loyalty and service—which Bismarck summed up so contemptuously—have been turned from ideals of domestic peace and labor to the ravaging of their neighbors in a devastating war. A nation of army worms, led by imperial locusts they have advanced upon the world in their famous mass formations, a gray-green swarm of devoted fanatics, at once admirable and horrifying.

And the world has banded against them. One by one a score of states have been forced to arm and defend themselves. Not even the peaceful traditions of China or the determined isolation of the United States could save them from the unprovoked assaults of this submissive people led by ambitious maniacs. The war has become a war to rid Germany and the world of Germany's Mad Mullah. And just as there could be no peace a hundred years ago in Europe, and no freedom in France until Napoleon had been caged, so now there can be no security for any nation and no liberty for the Germans until the Hohenzollern has been crushed and his loyal victims awakened from their national hypnosis. The free peoples of the earth are battling against the last serfs of military autocracy not only to protect themselves, but to liberate their enemy. America is fighting to establish among the nations of Europe another such peaceful league of self-governing states as our War of Independence founded on this continent. It is a war against war—against international injustice, and predatory ideals of empire, and the slavery of willing slaves assaulting freedom.

Again and again the nations made terms of peace with Napoleon. It was useless until he made his final terms of unconditional surrender after Waterloo. The French of his day were an admirable, a wonderful people; but led by his military ambition they became the conquering enemies of mankind. It was his wars that imposed militarism on Germany. It is his tradition that now animates the Prussian imperial buzzard. Useless to talk of terms of peace with his new Napoleonism. Useless to plead the virtues of the German people. They have become the outlaws of civilization, surrounded by a posse of nations and fighting desperately at the mouth of their cave. There can be no enduring peace till they have deposed their robber chieftain and renounced their creed of blood and iron.

The United States has been compelled to join the posse. After enduring outrages with a patience that exasperated mankind we have enrolled in the league of peace against Germany. Our navy is fighting in European waters to protect our own shores. Our army is going to the trenches of France that we may not have to dig trenches in America. We have organized for war because we have been denied peace. We have accepted conscription against conscription. We have given our government the powers of a military dictator to save ourselves from the military dictatorship of the Most High of Potsdam. We have surrendered all our peaceful liberties in order to organize our country for purposes of war, because war can be efficiently waged in no other way. Only with blood and iron can we save ourselves from the devotees of blood and iron. When death comes into a dispute there is no answer to it but death.

Now that the German war lord sees the sword at his throat he is willing to use another argument. He offers to talk of "peace without punishment." He is willing to forget our dead, to forgive our wounds, to overlook our injuries, to bow us out of his fortress and repair hi sdefenses and fit a new blade to his old hilt. His agents assure us that our allies are not our friends; that this war is not our war; that we should never have thrust ourselves into it so unexpected. They observe with sorrow that we have renounced on the battlefield, and under fire, our inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. They express a pious fear that in volunteering for a war to make the world safe for democracy we may have surrendered ourselves to a military autocracy no better than their own. Like the wolf brought to bay by the sheep dogs, they are afraid that we may forget our interest in our flocks if we stay away from them too long. "Ah," says the wolf, "let us no longer be ferocious. Why should we kill one another? It is too stupid. Let us arrange sensibly the terms on which you may pasture your flocks, side by side, without quarreling. There is room for us all in this beautiful world. I will not detain you any longer. Let us all go away fro mhere. Yes?"

When the wolf becomes pitiful the wise dog grows deaf. We are new to this hunt. We have been without a wolf so long on our continent that we forget he cannot repent and become a good collie. Let him go back to his den as meekly as you please, he will be out again, hungry, as soon as his wounds are healed. The sheep dogs must make the world safe for the sheep dog. It will never be safe till this last wolfish military autocracy has died in its lair.

And it will never be safe till the German people, freed of their enchantment of loyal subservience have been made to see that they are not a nation of green insects. "My lords," cried the lawyer, "we are vertebrate animals! We are mammalia! My learned friend's manner would be intolerable in Almighty God to a black beetle!" The German Most High has drowned us in our ships with as little compunction as if we were cockroaches in the forecastle. He has assumed to us, and to all the world, the air of omnipotence addressing army worms. It is necessary to show him that man is a vertebrate animal. It is necessary to show the German people that they have the responsibility of backbones.

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There is no "cure" but relief is often brought by—

Keep a Little Body-Guard in Your Home
VICK'S VAPORUB

This is Just to Say

That we are glad to thank you for your trade during the year 1917.

May the Holiday Season bring the greatest happiness to you.

The Moose Cafe
South Side Square.

Men Wanted

Over the age of eighteen, for street car conductors and motormen. Permanent positions with steady work to the right men. Physical examination necessary. Write or call in person within the next week. Employment Department, The Kansas City Railways Company, 1500 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

OUR BOYS—OUR MEN.
Tune, America, Key F.
By C. L. Evarts.

God SAVE Our Boys—Our Men,
Safe home bring them again,
Our Boys—Our Men.
Save them on sea and shore,
Save them midst cannon's roar,
Back to our arms restore
Our Boys—Our Men.
God KEEP Our Boys—Our Men,
From every stain and sin,
Our Boys—Our Men.
When Satan would allure,
Be their protection sure;
When tempted keep them pure,
Our Boys—Our Men.
God HOLD Our Boys—Our Men,
Protect them to the end,
Our Boys—Our Men.
Held in Thine arms so strong,
Held safe from every wrong,
To Thee they all belong,
Our Boys—Our Men.
God SAVE—and KEEP—and HOLD,
And in Thine arms enfold,
Our Boys—Our Men.
Our love with them they bear,
Our hearts are filled with prayer,
We leave them in Thy care,
Our Boys—Our Men.

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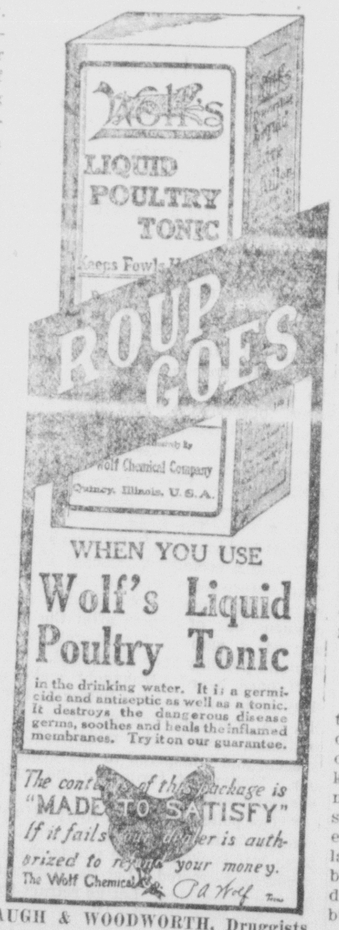

WHEN YOU USE
Wolf's Liquid Poultry Tonic
in the drinking water. It is a germicide and antiseptic as well as a tonic. It destroys the dangerous disease germs, soothes and heals the inflamed membranes. Try it on our guarantee.

The contents of this package is "MADE TO SATISFY" If it fails your dealer is authorized to refund your money.
The Wolf Chemical Co.

GAUGH & WOODWORTH, Druggists, South Side of Square, Maryville, Mo.

WIFEY GOT DUMKOPFF'S ROLL

Spouse Induced Him to Curtail Expenses at Celebration, Then Divided Money "Equally."

Adolph Dumkopff had made a killing at poker, says the Detroit Free Press.

"Oh, Adolph, how lovely!" seuggled his wife. "You must have held wonderful hands, Adolph. What did you have—Jacks down, or a full kind, or something?"

"How about a little celebration?" said Mr. Dumkopff, jovially. "How about a little theater party, and then a little something to eat at Snoozenmacher's?"

"Now, Adolph," remonstrated Mrs. Dumkopff, "what's the good of squandering it right away? Now that you've got it, you may as well keep it for a rainy day. We'll celebrate reasonably, that's what we'll do."

And after supper they went to the movies to see the beautiful Snoozles Wonderful in "Looping the Loop" in five parts, after which they each had a pickle sandwich in Childish's.

"Now, wasn't that a reasonable celebration?" said Mrs. Dumkopff, when they had returned home. "Only eighty-five cents altogether."

"Cheap at half the price," agreed her husband, as he dropped off to sleep. Half an hour later Mrs. Dumkopff carefully removed his trousers from the chair by his head, extracted his roll from the right-hand pocket, divided it with scrupulous fairness into two equal parts, kept the six tens and replaced the six fives in her husband's trousers.

"I'll buy something for the house with this, such as the prizes for my card party next week," thought Mrs. Dumkopff, as she tucked the bills into her back hair and slipped into bed to sleep the sleep of the foxy.

SHOULD SALUTE THE FLAG

Virginian Who Has Lived Abroad Urges Reverence for the Emblem of the Country.

"Why does the average American not salute the flag?" asked R. O. Outcault, a Virginian who has lived abroad for the last ten years, according to the Washington Post.

"On the day of the draft parade in Washington the only man I saw saluting the regimental colors was a policeman, probably an old soldier who has learned the love and reverence which every man who has served feels for the flag. When I and the friend with me—a Britisher—bared our heads every time the flag of a regiment went past a few persons in the crowd began, somewhat shamefacedly, to follow our example.

"In London or in Paris you would have no choice. Any man who kept his hat on when the colors of a regiment passed would have it knocked off for him, if nothing worse happened to him. I do not mean, of course, that one should salute the thousand and one flags carried in such a procession, but every one should at least bare his head when a regimental flag goes past. That's what thousands of men are going to die for before we are twelve months older. The least one can do is to salute it while we can before it goes somewhere in France."

Switzerland's Water Power.

There are no coal mines in Switzerland, but there is "white coal" or water power in abundance that can be transformed into light, heat and power. An electric railway climbs a tunnel inside the Jungfrau mountain. Halfway on the journey a good hot luncheon is served at the restaurant, in a station hollowed out from the rocks. The temperature of the tunnel in this snow-covered mountain is but little above the freezing point, even in summer, but the trains are lighted, heated and driven up the mountain, and the cooking and heating at the restaurant are all accomplished by the utilization of the icy cold water running down the mountain side as water power to generate electricity.

Few countries in the world are so well supplied with potential water power as Switzerland, and with this power fully developed she need never again see her industries at the mercy of a neighbor who might become at any time an alien enemy.

First German Colonists.

German emigration to America had its beginning 234 years ago, when the first party of pioneers from Germany landed at Philadelphia, relates a historia. There were 35 of them, mostly relatives, and all members of a religious sect closely akin to the English Quaker. Subjected in Germany to bitter persecution, they determined to seek refuge in the new world. The Frankfort Land company was organized, and purchased from William Penn, the governor of Pennsylvania, a tract of land near Philadelphia. Francis Daniel Pastorius negotiated the deal, led the colony to America, laid out the town of Germanopolis, or Germantown, and became the recognized head of the settlement.

Steps Drive Business Away.

Store entrances now are flush with the sidewalk, or as nearly so as conditions will permit, observes a merchant in the New York Sun. We storekeepers are aware that customers are more likely to walk straight into a store when unimpeded than to go up even one short step. Banks were the last to realize the handicap imposed by steps at the entrances, and you don't see architects planning bank buildings now with steps at the front as they did in the old days.

MAJORITY OF US ARE BORES

Many People Give Preference to Discussion of Own Affairs Rather Than to Other Fellow's.

The Irish World gives the first test of a bore, presumably for readers to try on themselves, in these words:

Do you monopolize the conversation wherever you go with breathless accounts of your own affairs?

If let alone long enough the majority of us do. Our own affairs are so much more interesting than the other person's. It takes some wisdom and considerable culture to subordinate the self.

Under this definition, the baby is sometimes a bore, but we forgive him for we know that he has neither the wisdom nor the culture to set his little self to one side. It should not be expected of him.

But there is about the baby none of the subtle deceitfulness of the old, practiced bore who deftly turns the conversation to his own exploits and affairs. Baby simply takes of the muffler from his personal self. The entire household's attention turns at once to his affairs. He monopolizes the conversation with his breathless account of his hunger or of his connection with the open safety pin—and that is all there is to it.

The growing child frankly finds himself the most interesting person in the world, and we forgive him to some extent and attempt to show him that he must conceal his personal liking for himself. Some of us may recall the story of the little boy who had been a delighted listener while his mother (a real bore) told the neighbors of his cute little manners and ways. When she branched off to some other subject, the little boy listened a while in manifest uneasiness till the conversation lagged the merest trifle. Then he broke in with his perfectly natural request:

"Say, ma, let's talk some more about me."

LAUGHED TO SEE GOLD TEETH

Tartars Indulged in Peculiar Antics to Induce Artist to Display His Decorated Grinders.

The artist who accompanied George Kennan through Russia tells an amusing story about an encounter with a party of tourists, who seemed very curious about the artist's pictures. As the Tartars were armed to the teeth, the artist thought it best to be amiable and smiled a broad and propitiatory smile upon the party. Whereupon the entire party smiled broadly in return and showed great interest in him. He smiled again, more broadly still; whereupon the Tartars came around in front of him and began to go through the most extraordinary antics, laughing still.

The artist gathered somehow that he was expected to laugh, too, and proceeded to gratify their evident wish. The more he laughed the more they laughed, and several big Tartars came around in front of him and lay down on the ground, rolling and tumbling. The artist laughed until his jaws almost cracked. The thing finally became a little alarming, and calling his factotum and interpreter, the artist bade him find out of the head man of the Tartar party what these extraordinary antics were all about.

"His excellency," said the Tartar, in explanation, "smiled upon us, and showed us something which we never saw before—teeth made partly of gold. And as the men of my tribe saw that his golden teeth were only to be seen when he laughed, they took all possible ways to make him laugh, and when they rolled on the ground before him, it was only the better to see into his mouth and behold the golden teeth."

Capturing Gorillas.

It is said that no gorilla has ever been captured alive after he is full grown. Gorillas fear nothing. Even when mortally wounded they show an agility, strength and ferocity which is astonishing. A traveler stated that it would take 150 men to hold down a gorilla with any degree of safety. On the other hand, all other apes are easy to capture. The usual method is for a trapper to seat himself where he is certain to be observed by these creatures and pretend to drink from a bottle of crude spirits. When he is sure that he has been observed, he leaves the bottle and goes away. The moment his back is turned the monkeys rush to appease their curiosity concerning the contents of the bottle. They like the taste of the spirits and quarrel among themselves for it till the bottle has been emptied. They are soon overcome by the intoxicant, and the trapper returns and gathers them up.

Our Other Selves.

The old Hebrew sage declared, "Wisdom cometh from the opportunity of leisure." It does not mean that a wise man must belong to what we call the leisure classes. It means that if one has only a little free time at his disposal, he must use that time for the refreshment of his hidden selves, says S. M. Crothers in the Atlantic. If he cannot have a sabbath rest of twenty-four hours, he must learn to sanctify little sabbaths, it may be of ten minutes' length. In them he shall do no manner of work. It is not enough that the self that works and receives wages shall be recognized and protected; the world must be made safe for our other selves. Does not the Declaration of Independence say that every man has an inalienable right to the pursuit of happiness?

Stoddard Co., Missouri Land for Sale by Holmes & Wolfert

If you are interested, come and go with us on

Dec. 27

We also have large list of improved farms from $40 to $60 with same terms.

Take your holiday vacation and see where corn grows from 75 to 100 bu. per acre and on low priced land.

FARM NO. 1.

80 ACRES — 2 MILES FROM AID 7½ miles from Bloomfield, the County Seat. This is undeveloped land, some fair timber, enough for building purposes. Drainage ditch on west line affording the finest possible drainage. Price $30 an acre. $600 cash. $2,400 ten years at 5 per cent interest.

What excuse have you for not owning eighty acres on these kind of terms?

FARM NO. 2.

120 ACRES 6 MILES FROM BLOOMFIELD, the County Seat of Stoddard County. There is at least $1000 worth of good timber on this 120. When cleared there is no better land in the state of Missouri. Price $30 per acre. $900 cash, balance 10 years at 5 per cent interest.

FARM NO. 3.

160 ACRES 2 MILES FROM FISK—Considerable commercial timber on this, will practically pay for the clearing. Good drainage ditch at southwest corner, affording the finest drainage. Good graded roads, rural route and telephone. This 160 adjoins land that we have sold for $52.50 an acre, same quality land, only partially improved. Price $32.50 an acre. 25 per cent cash, balance ten years at 5 per cent interest.

FARM NO. 4.

240 ACRES 2 MILES WEST OF DUDLEY—3½ miles east of Fisk. There is sufficient timber on this to absolutely pay the entire cost of clearing the land. This farm is within one-half mile of Randal, a loading station on the Iron Mountain railway, and adjoining a farm that we have just recently sold at $60 an acre.

Price $30 an acre on our usual terms.

FARM NO. 5.

320 ACRES—4½ MILES FROM RED, a good little town on the Frisco Railroad. This is one of the choicest pieces of land in our entire tract. It is covered with a heavy growth of white oak and hickory. Has perfect drainage, with a large drainage ditch on the north line and a lateral on the east end of the land. All surrounding lands have been sold to actual settlers at prices varying from $35 to $70 an acre.

You can buy this half section and let it lay and we will guarantee you a raise of $4.00 an acre in the next twelve months.

Price $30 an acre. $2000 cash, balance ten years at 5 per cent interest.

The above described pieces of land are the most carefully selected and we will guarantee them as represented, or pay your entire expenses for a trip of investigation. There is no better investment in the United States today than in undeveloped lands in the fertile districts of Southeast Missouri.

ROUND TRIP TICKET GOOD FOR FIFTEEN DAYS—Stop off anywhere you like—$23.50.

Following men have bought there recently:

Chas. Vulgamont	460	acres
Wm. Chester	399	acres
R. K. Archeer	160	acres
John Feeny	160	acres
W. E. Dawson	160	acres
Jess Chester	80	acres
Geo. Renfro	80	acres

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Count the words; send money with the order. Ads should be in by twelve o'clock to insure insertion in this column same day.

These prices are for cash with order. An extra charge of five cents will be made on all Want Ads when cash does not accompany the order.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Good list of prime real estate mortgage loans for disposal, in amounts to suit investors. See us for terms. Over Nodaway Valley Bank. The Sisson Loan & Title Co. 21tf

CAR Illinois coal on track at Wilcox. Phone 31-22. 20-22

FOR SALE—Good stalk field, some grass and plenty of water. C. W. Shinabargar, Hanamo phone 552F. 20-22

FOR SALE—Small size man's dark gray overcoat, good as new. Inquire 202 East First street. 20-22

FOR SALE — Thoroughbred Buff Orpington pullets and cockerels, good ones. Mrs. J. J. Pyles, Farmers phone 32-12. 20-22*

FOR SALE — Chester White boar, a year old, good individual and a number one breeder. Albert Carr, Maryville, Mo. Farmers phone 101; Hanamo 515Y. 20-22*

FOR SALE—Johnson Co. white seed corn in ear, (guaranteed to give satisfactory test, ready now. Call Farmers 41-15 or Hanamo 108. M. C. Thompson. 17tf

FOR SALE OR TRADE—I have 120 acre well improved farm in Nodaway county 4 miles of two good railroad towns, 13 miles from Maryville. 8-room house, good barn, plenty of water, well fenced. Will sell for cash; or will take good dwelling house in Maryville for part pay. J. J. Heifner P. O. Box 262, Maryville, Mo. 17-22

FOR SALE—A few barrels choice Jonathan apples, sold by the barrel only. J. W. Ray, Hanamo phone 5222. 15-tf

FOR SALE — Used upright piano, mahogany case, good as new. Bargain for some one. Landon Music Co. 19-26

FOR SALE—Two young red cows, just freshened; quiet and fair milkers; one has white faced bull calf, other no calf; $150 for both; will sell either. Elmer Fraser, both phones. 18-24

FOR SALE OR TRADE—2 pianos, one a Kimball; dining room set, 2 heaters, 2 cook stoves, dresser, chairs, beautiful ferns, household goods of all kinds, long distance phone, violin. Mrs. Highbarger, 417 E. First street. 21-24

A BARGAIN—Oakland touring car in fine shape. Three practically new tires, spare tire and rim, electric lights, starter. Have no further use for car. $600 takes it. Room 6, Michau Bldg. 22-26*

FOR SALE—Car Beloit shorts, extra quality, special price, off car. Yowell & Son. 22-26

FOR SALE—850 bu. good corn in crib, $1.25 per bu., cash only. No delivery. Lester McKillip, Route 7. 22-26*

WANTED

Telephone Operators

Alert, intelligent young women are wanted for telephone operators; paid while learning; excellent opportunity for advancement; good surroundings and working conditions.

Apply first floor, 112 West Third Street.

Hanamo Telephone Co.

WANTED—Good news correspondent at Burlington Junction, Hopkins, Skidmore, Barnard and Ravenwood. For further information write or call at Democrat-Forum office, Maryville, Mo.

WANTED—You to buy for father, brother or soldier friend a box of HANSEN'S CIGARS. 21-24

WANTED — Wood choppers, $1.25 and $1.50 per cord. Call A. B. Wells, Hanamo 552J. 17-22*

WANTED — The use of sewing machine for Lasher Red Cross auxiliary. Ella O'Grady, Farmers 6-13. 21-24

FURS—We are in the market to pay you the highest price for all your furs. Satisfaction or your goods back. Also all kinds of junk. Ship or call Maryville Iron & Metal Co., at Glover & Alexander's Mill. 22-29*

FOR RENT

FOR RENT — 6-room modern house with garden lot, 803 North Walnut street. Call Hanamo 4558. 20-22*

FOR RENT — Large front rooms for light housekeeping, modern. References required. Hanamo 3041. 20-22

FOR RENT — Front rooms over South Side bakery, formerly occupied by U. S. Recruiting Station. Inquire of Kate Schenck. Hanamo 683. 30tf.

FOR RENT — Two nicely furnished adjoining rooms, bed room and sitting room, private entrance, in modern home, private family; good location, five minutes from square; good meals close. Address A, Democrat-Forum office.

LOST

LOST — Watch between the public school and Felix & Cline Veterinary hospital on East Second. Reward. Return to Democrat-Forum office. 21-24

LOST OR TAKEN BY MISTAKE — Package containing lady's skirt and dresser scarf. Return to Bee Hive Shoe Store. 22-26*

TAKEN BY MISTAKE—Some gingham. Owner may have same by paying for ad and identifying. 22-26

MISCELLANEOUS

PLUMBING—We make a specialty of installing modern plumbing in old houses and remodeling old plumbing; estimates free. Standard Plumbing Co., Hanamo 46.

NOT IN THE TRUST—A reduction on cigars for the soldier boys at Hansen's. 21-24

FOUND — Sum of money under $5. Owner may have same by stating amount and paying for this ad. Ed Brewer. 20-22

STRAYED—From my place, 5 miles northwest of Maryville, white face bull calf. A. E. Cockayne, Farmers 34-16. 22-26*

MARKET REPORTS

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Grain Market Future

Kansas City, Dec. 22.—CORN—December $1.28, May $1.24.

Kansas City Live Stock

Kansas City, Dec. 22.—CATTLE — Receipts 1,000, no market.

HOGS — Receipts 2,000, top $16.60, bulk $15.85@$16.50.

AT THE FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

A Special Christmas Service of Music Will be Given Tomorrow Evening.

There will be special Christmas services at the First M. E. church tomorrow evening when Rev. Gilbert S. Cox will preach on the subject, "Music and the Birth of Jesus." With music as a feature of the services, there will be vocal and instrumental selections in addition to the anthems. The morning service will be conducted by Dr. W. F. Burris, who will have for his subject, "Man's True Rank."

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hull.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rugg of Chicago, Mrs. Clara Vandewalker of Big Bend, Wis., and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hull of Kansas City arrived in Maryville yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Ruggs' and Mr Hull's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W Hull, nort hof Maryville. Mrs. Vandewalker is a sister of Mrs. Hull.

Mrs. Flora Quinn and daughter, Miss Ora, of Syracuse, Kans., and Lieut. Orlo Quinn of Ft. Snelling, Minn., will arrive in a few days to visit at the Hull home.

THE SISSON LOAN & TITLE CO.

MARYVILLE, MISSOURI

Real Estate, Loans and Insurance

Counting Rooms Over Nodaway Valley Bank
Best Terms Ever Offered—See Us.

Guests at Denny Home.

Paul Denny, who is enlisted in the engineering corps, and stationed at Corpus Christi, Tex., arrived in Maryville yesterday to spend a fifteen day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Martha Denny. Mrs. J. R. Spickerman and her four little daughters, of Utica, Ill., also arrived yesterday for a visit at the Denny home. Mrs. Spickerman is a daughter of Mrs. Denny. Mrs. Donald Cady, another daughter, will arrive tonight from Des Moines to spend Christmas vacation.

And Armour Split the Money.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 22. — Among the startling revelations at the federal trade commission's hearing in President Wilson's food price investigation was the fact that the city of St. Paul paid Armour & Company half a million dollars to build a plant there in order to compete with other packers and that the money was split by Armour with Mirris and Swift.

Claim Plot to Poison Stock.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Widespread plots to poison herds of cattle and hogs throughout the United States, alleged to have been concocted by I. W. W.s are being investigated by the government. Government agents who raided I. W. W. headquarters Monday declared it was conducted for the purpose o fsecuring evidence of the plot.

Krupp Gun Works Afire.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

London, Dec. 22.—The great Krupp gun works at Eisen, Germany, have been swept by fire, but it has not been learned how much damage was done. It was said the big plant had been burning for twenty-four hours.

Red Cross Will Reject Offer.

The so-called Jess Willard Red Cross fight never has been offered to the Red Cross officially, but when it is, if it ever is offered, it will be rejected, according to information today from reliable sources.

Would Fight Willard 20 Rounds.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Dominick Tortorich, a New Orleans promotor, wired Ed Smith of Chicago, well known fight referee, that he had Fred Fulton's signature to box Jess Willard twenty rounds.

Bank Robbers Get $12,000

West Salem, O., Dec. 22.—Bank robbers dynamited the vault of the Farmers Bank here today and escaped with $12,000.

Mrs. John J. Ingalls Very Low.

Atchison, Kans., Dec. 22. — Mrs. John J. Ingalls, widow of the late Senator Ingalls, is seriously ill at her home here.

Miss Allie eJan Fraser, who teaches school in Okmulgee, Okla., will arrive in Maryville tonight to spend her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fraser.

Prof. and Mrs. Harry Robinson of Parnell, Iowa, are visiting at the homes of Mrs. Thomas O'Bern and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reimer.

Merril Swike of Plattsburg arrived in Maryville today to visit his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Nusbaum.

Mr. and Mrs. John Farnan of Conception were in Maryville on business today.

PRIME MINISTER'S DAY OFF

Lloyd George Has Been Known to Dig Out a Badger Just as a Holiday Pastime.

The picturesque account which has been given of the prime minister's agricultural activities on the Sussex farm on the occasion of his recent vacation is probably suggestive only of the versatility displayed by him in the matter of holiday making.

Mr. Lloyd George has been even known to dig out a badger, says London Tit-Bits. In the vestibule of his official residence may be seen a magnificent stuffed specimen which he helped to bring to the surface some years ago on Lord Cowdray's estates in the same county.

It is doubtful, indeed, whether, except in the matter of arboriculture pursuits, the present prime minister has derived a precedent from any of his predecessors. The nearest approach, perhaps, is Mr. Balfour, who goes in for farming at his Scottish home at Whittingehame, where some splendid cattle have been turned out.

The late Lord Salisbury found his principal source of recreation away from the cares of office in his laboratory at Hatfield house, where he followed the peculiar bent of his family in scientific and electrical pursuits.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who was an omnivorous reader, was never so happy as when staying at his beloved Dover; Mr. Asquith is credited with a passion for novel reading; Lord Rosebery, whose literary tastes are well known, spends most of his time between Mentmore and his Scottish seat; while Mr. Gladstone, when not at Dollis hill, enjoyed a sea trip or a sojourn at some east coast resort.

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MUMMIFIED SNAKE IN LOG

Reptile Hermetically Sealed in Heart of Walnut Timber Discovered at Sawmill.

Trapped in a chamber in the heart of a walnut tree, which had evedently been its winter home, a blacksnake was found mummified in the hermetically sealed tomb after a lapse of 20 or more years. The layers of new timber formation indicated the period of the reptile's imprisonment.

A handsome walnut log two and one-half feet in diameter, shipped to a mill at Johnson City, Tenn., from Wawnesville, N. C., held the imprisoned coil of the dead snake. To the eye the log was perfect. After the carriage had passed back and forth a time or two the saw uncapped a beautifully polished vacuum, with a dark coil lying within. Lifted out, the coil proved to be the preserved form of a snake. Exposure to air caused a sudden shrinkage.

"The snake had undoubtedly crawled into the tree through a hole made by a broken limb that had decayed at the base," said M. L. Scifers, a member of the company operating the mill. "The new layers of timber, which had enveloped the opening, were of a thickness to indicate a growth of probably 20 years since the snake entered the cavity to find the exit suddenly closed against its escape, probably due to the dropping of a small piece of bark which covered the opening."

ALCOHOL FROM BANANAS NOW

Culls of the Fruit to Be Distilled by Americans, Who Will Erect Plant at Honduras.

Bananas suitable for export must always be of a certain size or number of hands. The rejection of smaller bunches by the fruit companies has always been a source of complaint and also of loss to the planters. It is now proposed to use them in the manufacture of alcohol, says a report made by Consul E. M. Lawton at Tegueigalpa, Honduras.

By executive order, the president of Honduras, has signed a contract by which an American of long experience in the fruit business in the tropics, representing a company of American capitalists, is granted the right to erect a distillery at San Pedro Sula, Honduras. The concessionaire has deposited $25,000 with the government as an earnest of good faith, which is to be credited toward export duties on the alcohol at three cents gold per gallon.

The company proposes to supply planters with funds for planting sugar cane on the worn-out banana lands, and will also distill from the cane, the bagasse of which is to be used in the manufacture of paper. Experiments will be made in the manufacture of paper from banana waste.

Irishmen at the Front.

The first American officer to be killed in France was Lieutenant Fitzsimmons of Kansas City, who lost his life when German airmen bombed hospitals in the rear of the British line where he was stationed as a medical officer in charge of wounded. The first American noncommissioned officer to lose his life in the overseas expedition was Sergt. Patrick Cassidy of Syracuse, N. Y. The first American private soldier to give up his life for his country in France was Private James Tracy of Philadelphia. The first American soldier to win the French war cross with palms, awarded for conspicuous gallantry, was Private John McClain of Peekskill, N. Y. All these young men, as their names indicate, were Americans of Irish descent which is a fair enough record, says the San Antonio Light, for the descendants of the Emerald Isle. All of them are said to have been native-born Americans, too.

Verdi Instead of Joseph.

Some years ago one of the members of the Trieste council was informed by a secret agent that, within a few hours' the city would be faced by a demand on the part of Austria for the erection of a statue of Emperor Francis Joseph in its principal square. A meeting of the city council was immediately called. It sat during the night hours, and passed a resolution affirming the intention of the city to put up a statue to Verdi on the very spot chosen by the hereditary enemy. On the following morning the demand of Austria was received, but the council replied that their decision was already taken, and that it could not be revoked. The people of Trieste see in the statue of the great Italian composer, observes a correspondent, a symbol of Irredentism, not only because of Verdi's nationality, but because the five letters of the name Verdi stand for "Viva el Re d' Italia."

The Ruse.

"Carl Liebknecht, the German socialist," said a socialist at Cooper Union, "had, before the war begun, many wily ways of bamboozling the German government, but, of course, after the war started, a man of his liberal views couldn't possibly keep out of jail.

"I once heard Liebknecht make a fiery speech against the kaiser in Berlin. A police official, seated on the platform, rose in the middle of the speech, and whispered in the orator's ear. Liebknecht turned to the audience and said:

"'The police official on the platform commands me to retract the words I have just spoken. True words should never be retracted. Let us, however, make a concession. Let us retract the word, but keep the idea.'"

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May this be a joyful Christmas to the many patrons of this store.

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THE SLACKER.

I don't want to join the army
And fight for the red, white and blue;
I think the enemy might harm me,
So I will stay at home and chew.
The other boys are in the battle
For their country's sake and mine;
I've got to stay with the cattle
And say I was left behind.
The doctor said I was sickly,
And that I would not do;
He turned me down very quickly,
And another name he drew.
So I got out of the service,
And glad I am of that,
For I was somewhat nervous,
And sneaked out like a cat.
So now I am a backer
Of the Kaiser and his gang.
They say I am a slacker,
But I don't give a dang.

F. Mariano Miller,
Maryville, Mo.

Miss Bertha Brandt came this afternoon from Linden, Ia., to be the guest of Misses Lois Halley and Nell Hudson.

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Fearless Japanese Official.

Of all the eccentric characters in Japan, one of the most famous and distinguished is probably Viscount Dr. Inajiro Tajiri, president of the imperial board of audit. He flatters nobody, not excepting himself, says a correspondent, and is feared by all who are not sincere. The late Prince Katsura was once scolded by him, and not long ago Baron Shibusawa waxed hot in anger at a public meeting as he rose to refute the charges of commercial corruption which Viscount Tajiri had made against Japan's business world at large. He is outspoken when he thinks the occasion demands outspokenness. Fearlessness of public opinion or ridicule is dramatically exemplified in the very simple and unpretentious life that he is leading. His food is of the simplest variety. He daily carries to the office a bento box filled with rice and some pickled plums, and during the past 40 years he has ever stuck to his Spartan lunch.

Fish at Reasonable Price.

The Canadian government's venture to supply the public with fish at a reasonable price has proved a success. A refrigerator service from Nova Scotia to Ontario was provided, and the government's scheme was advertised. In one week there were three cars carrying approximately 60,000 pounds of fish, as against normal shipments of 5,000 pounds. The varieties sold under the government's plan, which provides that the buyer shall take the whole fish, are haddock and market cod. These were the only ones available in quantities to justify the experiment. Haddock is well known; market cod is practically a newcomer.

WHO'S WHO in the WAR CONGRESS

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge.

Washington, Dec. 22.—It has been said that the Kaiser has some friends—whether they intend to be or not—in congress, but one thing is certain—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts is not one of them. Senator Lodge has been one of the bitterest enemies the Kaiser has had to reckon with. He has been strongly anti-German since the beginning of the world war in 1914.

The power of the United States senator is great enough in itself, but Senator Lodge's power in the senate is added to by reason of his assignment to three of the most important committees—those on Foreign Relations, Finance and Naval Affairs.

If Senator Lodge chose to do so he might place a long string of letters back of his name, for he has been awarded degrees by many universities and colleges. He is some literary light, too, besides being a statesman. He is the author of "Life and Letters of George Cabot," "Short History of the English Colonies in America," "Life of Alexander Hamilton," "Life of Daniel Webster," "Life of Washington," co-author with Theodore Roosevelt in "Hero Tales From American History," and the author of many other works.

Henry Cabot Lodge was born in Boston, May 12, 1850. He graduated from Harvard college in 1871 and from Harvard Law School in 1875, with the degree of LL.B. In 1876 he was given the degree of Ph.D. by Harvard University. He served two terms in the Lower House of the Massachusetts legislature, for being literary by disposition he was popular in the Bean City. After several terms in congress, Massachusetts elected him to the senate. That was in 1893, and he has been there ever since. If it will encourage the Kaiser any it is permitted to announce that Senator Lodge's term of office will end on March 3, 1923, which doubtless insures his being on the job until the end of the war.

Miss Bertha Ritze arrived today from Minneapolis, Minn., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ritze.

To San Antonio for Holidays.

Miss Helen Todd, who is teaching in Port Arthur, Texas, is spending the Christmas holidays in San Antonio with friends.

A Merry Christmas

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